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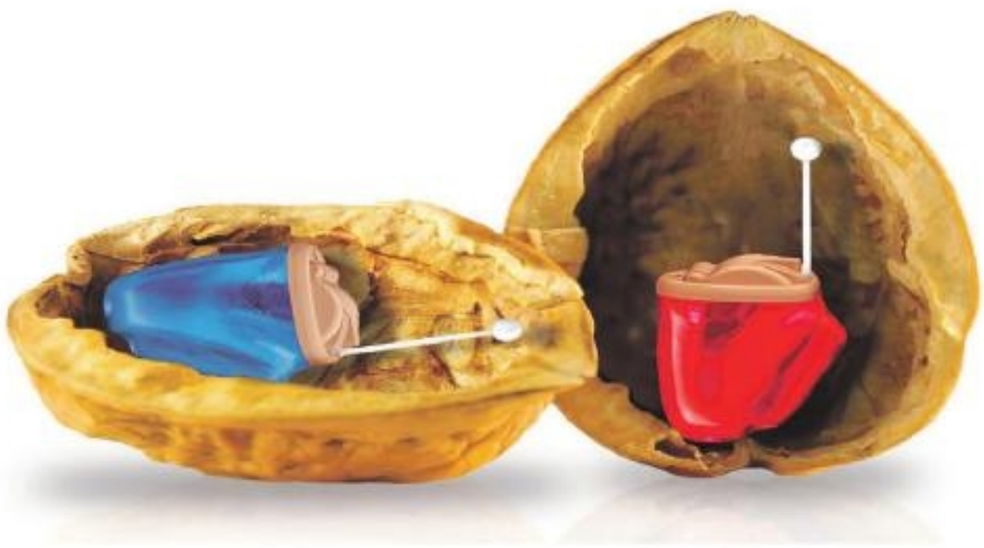

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Campaigners draw up map of housing developments

Plans 'could bring 20,000 extra cars'

By **Alex Ballinger**

WEST Oxfordshire could see up to an extra 20,000 cars on its roads if planned housing estates are given the go-ahead, a campaign group has warned.

Witney Oxford Transport (WOT) has compiled a map of proposed developments in the district, calculating the number of extra vehicles the homes would bring.

They would be in addition to the 325,000 vehicles already registered in Oxfordshire.

WOT spokesman Maurizio Fantato said: "The A40 is already gridlocked now. More and more people will use short cuts and rat runs, which will result in more accidents.

"Roads in a poor state will get even more damaged."

Mr Fantato said the idea of the map was to give an overview of the planned developments along the A40 corridor.

It includes a total of 17,600 proposed homes, with each development being given its own percentage chance of being built.

WOT estimated the number of extra vehicles that the developments would create based on an average of one-and-a-half cars per home.

Mr Fantato said the group expected half of the housing plans to go ahead, leading to an extra 12,000 cars.

He said: "Even with recent announcements of bus lanes and tweaks to junctions, is it really enough?

"Will the infrastructure be able to cope? We're able to build houses faster than we're able to build roads."

WOT is calling for a 'long term-reliable public transport solution' to counter the expected extra cars.

However, West Oxfordshire District Council's (WODC) cabinet member for planning, Warwick Robinson, disputed the number of homes the group had used to draw up its map.

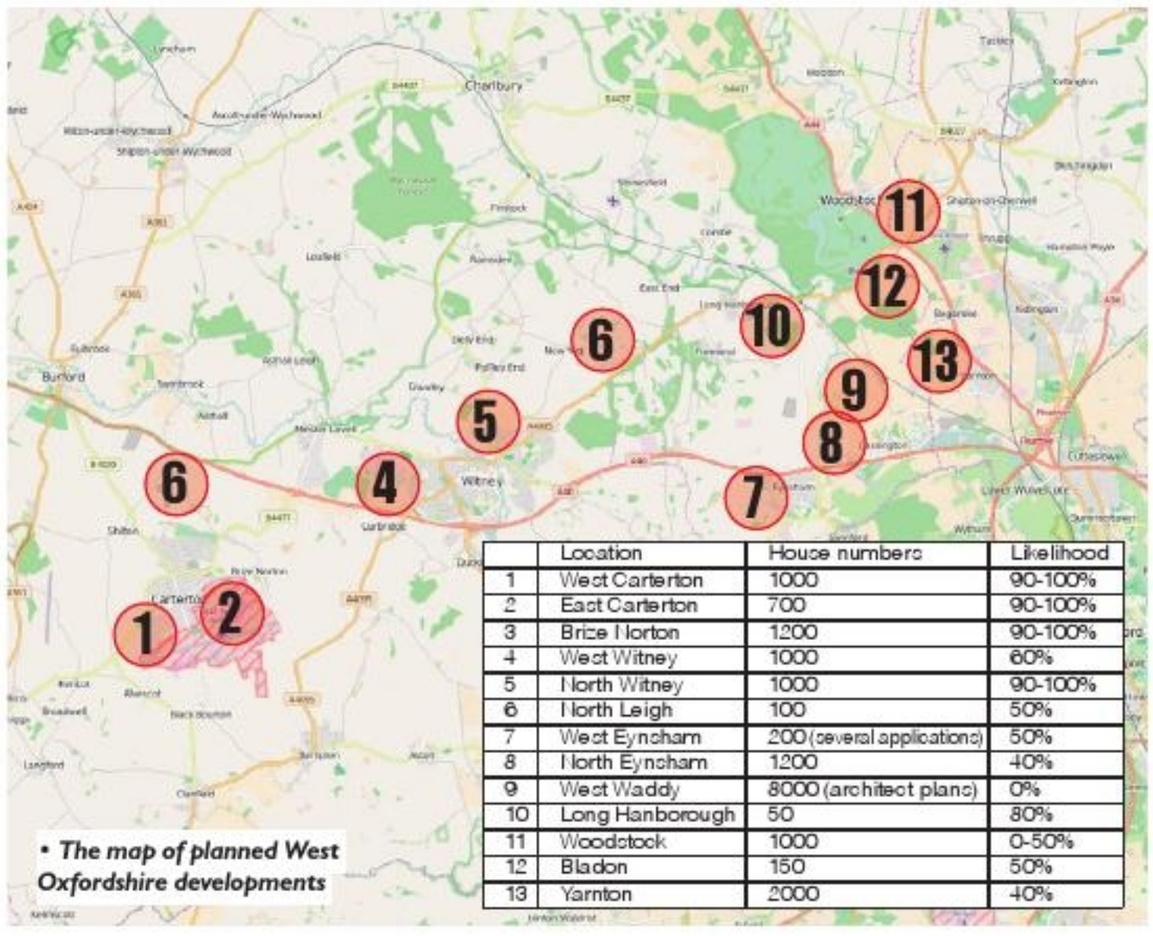
"From what I understand they've included lots of houses that aren't in our local plan," he said.

WODC's Local Plan has allocated 10,500 homes for the region by 2031, falling short of the 13,200 recommended by the independent Strategic Market Housing Assessment.

Cllr Robinson said: "10,500 homes could potentially be 20,000 cars over 20 years. But the county council are putting in very massive projects on the roads."

The acting chairman for the Campaign to Protect Rural England's West Oxfordshire branch, Justine Garbutt, said: "There are bound to be consequences of such rapid growth. Infrastructure improvements will, as always, be behind the curve."

The West Waddy development which is included in the map relates to an expression of interest by Abingdon-based architect firm West Waddy ADP, which has not submitted a planning application.



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5	North Witney	1000	90-100%
6	North Leigh	100	50%
7	West Eynsham	200 (several applications)	50%
8	North Eynsham	1200	40%
9	West Waddy	8000 (architect plans)	0%
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• *The map of planned West Oxfordshire developments*

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Police counters to close in force cuts

By **Alex Ballinger**

TEN of Oxfordshire's police station front counters are set to close from next year as part of £550,000 budget cuts, it was announced on Monday.

The closures from April 1 will form part of £29 million of savings Thames Valley Police (TVP) is trying to make by 2021.

Oxfordshire currently has 15 front counter services and the force is encouraging members of the public to use other methods of reporting crime including telephone, website or social media accounts.

Deputy Chief Constable John Campbell said: "The way people interact with police is changing; the public want to contact us at a time and place that's convenient to them. We have found that more people are engaging with us on the phone, online, or through our social media channels rather than visiting their local police station."

DCC Campbell said each front counter visit cost up to £20.75 per person at the quieter ones.

Across the Thames Valley, a total of 34 front counters will be reduced to 16 under the cuts.

Police and Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley, Anthony Stansfield, said: "With a smaller budget and an ever increased demand on policing, it is vital that we look at ways we can improve the way we operate.

"We don't want to see our buildings sitting empty, unused and costing money when the funding that's saved can go into other areas where it is needed."

The front counters set to close are Cowley, Henley, Didcot, Thame, Wantage, Faringdon, Wallingford, Carterton Woodstock and Chipping Norton.

The changes will mean the loss of Oxfordshire's only 24-hour counter at St Aldate's, Oxford. Abingdon, St Aldate's and Banbury will keep their counter services, opening from 8am to 10pm seven days a week, while Witney and Bicester will be open from 10am to 6pm, Monday to Friday.

TVP south headquarters in Kidlington will be open from 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

The announcement came at a press conference held at the Kidlington base.

DCC Campbell added: "Staff at our front counters have been notified of our proposed changes and are being consulted with. At this stage, no staff have been put at risk.

"Bricks and mortar has little to do with policing, therefore officers and staff are being empowered to be more mobile in their use of smart phones, tablets, laptops and Wi-Fi connection in vehicles."

A survey of 9,187 people found 86 per cent preferred to contact police by telephone in a non-emergency.

• *Deputy Chief Constable Campbell (left) and Police and Crime Commissioner Anthony Stansfield*

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Charity walker

DIDCOT: A supermarket worker undertook a 15-mile charity walk yesterday dressed as Father Christmas to raise money for Oxford Children's Hospital and Sue Ryder Hospice in Nettlebed.

Lee Crook, a nightshift worker at Sainsbury's in Didcot, started the journey after finishing his shift at 8am and walked to deliver presents to children at Oxford's John Radcliffe Hospital.

So far, Mr Crook has raised £350 from the walk.

Police issue plea

FARINGDON: Police issued CCTV images on Saturday of a man and woman they would like to speak to in connection with two incidents of shoplifting.

The first incident took place on Saturday, August 29, at Budgens in Marlborough Street, and the second on Tuesday, November 24, at Boots in Market Place.

If you have any information on the images below, call 101.

Robbery attempt at store by knifeman sparks witness plea

POLICE are searching for a teenager after a shopkeeper was threatened with a knife in an attempted robbery in Cowley on Friday.

At about 7.45pm, a boy, believed to aged about 16, went into The Kumars at No. 39 Convenience Store in Crescent Road and demanded money from a male member of staff.

The offender left the store shortly afterwards.

The 38-year-old male victim was not injured and nothing was stolen in the incident.

The offender is slim, about 5ft 2in tall, and was wearing a black waist-length jacket with a fur-lined hood, grey denim jeans and black gloves.

Investigating officer PC Stuart Robinson, based at Oxford Police Station, said: "We would like to speak to anyone that may have witnesses this incident or seen anything suspicious in the area at this time."

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Unitary council 'would ease £70m cuts impact'

• Cllr Rodney Rose

By **Loughlan Campbell**

THE deputy leader of Oxfordshire County Council claims a countywide unitary authority would ease £70 million extra cuts his local authority is set to make to vital services.

Rodney Rose (Con) was speaking after the council announced on Friday it would have to make an additional £20m of cuts on top of the original £50m forecast to be needed in addition to the £292m savings it is already making up to 2018.

It blames the need for the extra £20m cuts over the next four years on a lack of funding from the Government.

Cllr Rose told the Guardian that 'around £30m' of the £70m cuts could have been saved if there had been a single unitary authority across Oxfordshire in place of the county council, the city council and four district councils, which is known as a two-tier system.

He said: "Having a unitary authority across the councils would help save this money that we are forced in having to cut.

"It would also have helped preserve these services in the future and save us around £30m in cuts so we wouldn't be having to look at this current situation so desperately."

A unitary authority is where a local authority is responsible for all the public services within its area, unlike Oxfordshire's current system under which they are split between the county and other five councils.

A proposal for a unitary authority was put forward by the county council in January, claiming that costs would be cut as staff numbers would be reduced and the total number of councillors across the six councils could go from 309 to less than 100, offering the potential for council tax to be reduced.

But the proposals were slammed by the other five councils who rallied against them.

A devolution bid was submitted to Whitehall last month on behalf of Oxfordshire's six councils that, if approved, would see them gaining greater power over areas such as transport, housing and health.

Oxford City Council's leader Bob Price (Lab) said of Cllr Rose's unitary authority claim: "I'm surprised that the councils would consider bringing these proposals up once again.

"We are currently working very hard to get a devolution deal for Oxfordshire and this would be a big distraction as the councils should be focused on finalising this deal."

John Cotton (Con), South Oxfordshire District Council's leader, said: "At this moment in time, the most important thing is that we look at pushing this deal through and that is our primary objective right now."

But Sandy Lovatt (Con), Vale of White Horse District Council's cabinet member for democratic services, said the devolution bid was 'a dog's breakfast'.

He said: "I'm not quite sure what this devolution deal is all about. I have always been in favour of having a single authority where all services are handled in one place."

Science park approved despite Green Belt fear

A PLAN for a £90 million science park on Green Belt land on the edge of Kidlington set to create up to 1,500 jobs was given the go-ahead by district councillors last Thursday.

The 40,000 sq m development on land east of Evenlode Crescent and south of Langford Lane will include offices, research and development spaces, laboratories and storage space.

An outline planning application was given the green light by Cherwell District Council's planning committee despite concerns from some members over traffic and its effect on the Green Belt.

Speaking at the meeting, Richard Cuttler, of developers Bloombridge, said: "Today is a culmination of 13 years' work.

"There would be minimal harm to the Green Belt. As George Osborne said, 'back business by backing science'."

Mr Cuttler said that if the decision had been delayed for up to two years to wait for the council's Local Plan Part Two Green Belt review to be ratified it could have caused the loss of some of the development's potential occupiers.

The site - the size of five and a half football pitches - has not been used since Gosford All Black Rugby Club vacated it more than 15 years ago.

Councillor Colin Clark said: "It's an ideal place in my opinion. It's not far from all the major roads.For people that live nearby, there are options to walk and cycle to work."

However Cllr Nigel Randall said he was concerned about the 'exceptional circumstances' that allowed development on Green Belt land.

He said: "There are a few alarms bells going off. People keep talking about very exceptional circumstances.

"It seems to be a bit of a rush."

He added: "We've got to take great care when we're voting against policy we've only just adopted."

The science park will comprise two three-storey buildings, as well as smaller offices, laboratories and warehouses.

The council's lead member for planning Michael Gibbard said: "Although this land lies within the Oxford Green Belt, we decided that there were very special circumstances.

"This development is set to offer an important, well-located facility that will encourage future economic growth both in Kidlington and throughout the district."

Work on building the science park is due to start in 2016.

• An artist's impression of the science park

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Man attacked

BICESTER: A man was struck on the back of the head and his car stolen during a robbery in the early hours of Friday.

The victim, 25, from Bicester, was walking at the junction of Woodfield Road and Buckingham Road when he was attacked at about 1.50am, causing him to fall to the ground.

The offender stole the victim's keys and mobile phone before running down Buckingham Road towards the town centre.

The victim's black Volkswagen Golf was stolen from nearby Blake Road. It was later found overturned at 3.50am in Water Street, Somerton, where a man was seen running from the vehicle. He is described as having lots of dark curly hair and wearing dark clothing.

Alliance expands

OXON: England's Economic Heartland alliance is set to expand a year after it was formed.

It was set up to boost prosperity in Oxfordshire, Northamptonshire and Buckinghamshire by co-ordinating investment in infrastructure.

From the New Year, it will also include Cambridgeshire, Milton Keynes, Luton, Bedford and Central Bedfordshire.

The Strategic Transport Forum made up of members of the alliance and Local Enterprise Partnerships will meet for the first time on February 12 to discuss a transport plan for the area.

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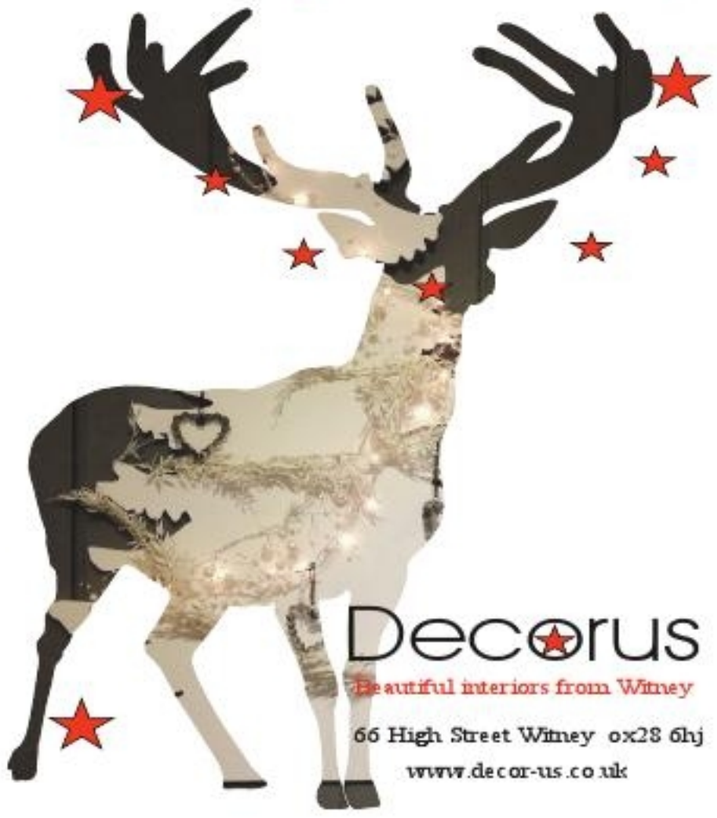
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Glass beacon for Oxford's skyline?

DESIGNS have been unveiled for a glass beacon to be built on top of Oxford's new £440m Westgate Shopping Centre.

Developers, the Westgate Oxford Alliance, submitted plans for the four-metre high stainless steel lantern and more than 1,000 new cycle parking spaces to Oxford City Council.

Building work to renovate and extend Westgate with more than 100 new shops and 25 restaurants started in February, and the centre is due to open in October 2017.

The lantern would be built on top of the north-west brick tower of the redevelopment facing Bonn Square.

Development manager Sara Fuge said: "Our hope is the lantern will become a beautiful element in the historic skyline of Oxford."

The design (pictured) has 78 glass panels of different coloured tints so it's colour will change all the time.

Plans for Aldi on Oxford ring road

• A typical Aldi store

By **Alex Ballinger**

PLANS have been unveiled for an Aldi discount supermarket on the current site of a Currys electronics store in Cowley.

A planning application is being prepared and is expected to be submitted to Oxford City Council before the end of this year, an Aldi spokesman told the Guardian.

The building in Horspath Driftway is currently used as a Currys electrical shop, and would be extended for the German food chain.

The store is expected to create up to 50 new jobs and parking plans could also see the number of spaces upped from about 36 to 55.

Aldi property director Phillip Warner said: "Aldi is pleased to confirm our interest in opening a store on Horspath Driftway.

"We know many local people make the journey to our Botley store and the plans would make it much easier for local people to shop and save with Aldi. A new Aldi would be a convenient, modest-sized neighbourhood store, offering mainly own label brands."

Mr Warner said leaflets distributed asking for feedback showed 91 per cent of respondents supported the plans.

He added: "If the planning application is approved, we would open the store as soon as possible. We would actively seek to recruit local people to fill these positions."

But the city councillor for the Lye Valley ward, which covers the site, said residents had raised traffic concerns.

Pat Kennedy said: "I do think it's good, I think people are pleased Aldi is thinking of coming to Cowley.

"But I think some residents are worried about the increase in traffic. It's on the road to the John Radcliffe Hospital and there will be a lot more traffic."

She added: "There's lots of need for employment and it will offer all sorts."

The store would sit just off the Eastern By-Pass Road alongside a Homebase DIY store, which has an Argos retailer inside.

It will sit 1.4 miles from rival discount supermarket Lidl in Watlington Road and 1.1 miles from Tesco.

Currys did not reply to a request for comment.

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Woman attacked

OXFORD: A woman in her early 20s was attacked by a man in an attempted robbery near Oxford Town Hall last Thursday.

She cried out for help in St Aldate's when a man tried to take her bag at about 8pm and he ran away.

He is white, about 40 years old, 5ft 9ins, unshaven with grey hair and was wearing a green army style jacket and spoke with a local accent.

Lights cause fire

FARINGDON: Faulty Christmas lights sparked a fire at a property near Faringdon on Friday.

Fire crews were called at around 2.45pm to Buscot Wick and found smoke coming from a window. No-one was injured.

Fatal collision

ADDERBURY: A 20-year-old man from the Banbury area died on Friday after a road crash.

Just before 7.30am a Ford Fiesta travelling on the A4260 Oxford Road from Adderbury towards Deddington was in a crash with a red Scania tipper lorry going the other way.

A grey Volkswagen Passat behind the Fiesta was also involved and a green Peugeot 206 was hit by debris.

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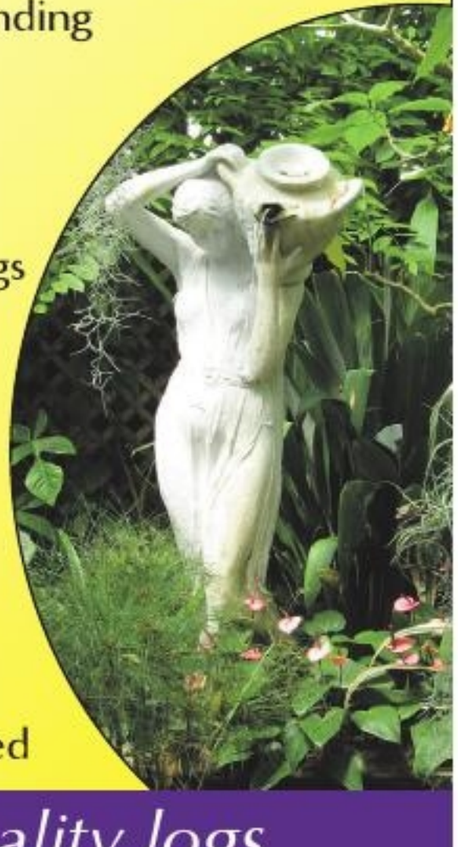

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News Bites

Film club's 40th

ABINGDON: The Abingdon College and District Film Society celebrated it's 40th anniversary last Thursday with a screening of comedy romance What's Up, Doc?

The film was shown at the Abingdon Health and Wellbeing Centre in Audlett Drive.

The group has grown to run 22 film screening a year.

Founder Mike Bloom said: "Our seasons have been named best film society programme a number of times."

• *Members cutting the birthday cake*

City centre fight

OXFORD: Four men have been arrested after a fight in Oxford last Thursday, December 17.

A 40-year-old man suffered serious head injuries and was taken to hospital after the fight at 9.45pm in New Inn Hall, which moved to Bonn Square.

Two men aged 21 and 23, both from Oxford, a 37-year-old man from Aylesbury Vale, and a 26-year-old man from Bedfordshire have been released on police bail until February 16

£20m tower block revamp under fire

By **Alex Ballinger**

PLANS for £20 million renovations to Oxford's high-rise apartment blocks have come under fire for 'undermining' the Government's Right to Buy Scheme.

Five Oxford tower blocks - Blackbird Leys' Evenlode and Windrush Towers, Plowman Tower in Northway, Foresters Tower in Wood Farm and Cowley's Hockmore Tower - are to be renovated starting early next year.

The Oxford City Council project will include structural repairs, new cladding, replacing the windows and upgrading the communal electrics and fire safety systems.

In total 348 flats are to be revamped, some council owned and some privately owned.

But Oxford East Conservative Association (OECA) has said because private owners have to pay up to £60,000 towards the work, residents will be put off trying to buy their home under the Government's Right to Buy Scheme.

OECA chairman Mark Bhagwandin said: "It is the sort of social cleansing which Labour likes to preach against, which it is now practising in Oxford.

"Lots of them are elderly pensioners who would be unable to come up with tens of thousands of pounds to fund the city council's grand schemes.

"If elderly people on low incomes can be ordered to hand over up to £60,000 to the city council, whether in cash or equity, it will definitely send alarm bells ringing for people thinking of buying their flats."

But Oxford City Council leader Bob Price said the improvements are necessary, and people would profit from the project.

He said: "The scheme is to improve the flats that are 50 years old. They need to be brought up to standard.

"If someone bought their flat they had to contribute to the cost.

"They will benefit from the extra value. They get more money out of the scheme."

Insulating the towers is also expected to lower the heating bills.

Right to Buy is a Government scheme that gives discounts of up to £77,000 to tenants in council or housing association properties looking to buy.

• *An artist's impression of the renovated Evenlode Tower*

Mr Bhagwandin added: "Landing low income earners with exorbitant bills for their homes will soon make those homes only affordable to people who can easily pay out tens of thousands of pounds to the city.

"Whilst the need does exist for flat owners to contribute to the upkeep of the towers, the city council must consider the ability of low income people to contribute."

The West Oxfordshire housing blueprint may need 2,700 extra homes

A SECOND public examination of West Oxfordshire's housing blueprint has been delayed after a Government inspector raised concerns that the number of houses it earmarks to be built is not enough.

A public examination into West Oxfordshire District Council's (WODC) Local Plan was held in Witney last month by planning inspector Simon Emerson.

Mr Emerson found the Local Plan 2031 was 'sound' in light of national policy, but said its housing target of more than 10,500 homes need to be greater.

WODC cabinet member for housing Warwick Robinson said: "In light of the inspector's findings we will give further consideration to our local plan and decide on the most appropriate course of action.

"There will be a public consultation on any changes and we will continue to work with other Oxfordshire local authorities on our common housing and infrastructure issues."

In a report published by Mr Emerson said: "The housing requirement in the submitted local plan of 10,500 dwellings is not justified and has not been derived from a process which complies with the NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework).

"Further work is required which, if the council wishes to proceed, will mean a suspension of the examination."

The second public examination was set to take place in February but Mr Emerson said it will be suspended while the council addresses the housing target.

The inspector's concerns relate to the independent Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA), which recommends building 13,200 homes in West Oxfordshire.

Mr Emerson said the proposed 10,500 homes falls 'significantly short' of the SHMA recommendation.

Plans could have to be drawn up for another 2,700 homes.

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Joy as Elsie to enjoy Christmas at home

By **Loughlan Campbell**

THE two-year-old daughter of a Wheatley man dubbed 'a medical marvel' will be spending Christmas with her family despite doctors telling her parents she was unlikely to make it earlier this year.

Elsie Kumar, the daughter of Arun Kumar and his wife Helen, was diagnosed with myeloid leukaemia in Down's Syndrome last October.

After being given chemotherapy treatment, Elsie suffered a relapse in June and the couple were told by doctors she would need to find a blood stem cell donor for her rare condition or it was likely to prove fatal.

However, a donor was found in October and Elsie underwent the stem cell transplant operation on October 18.

The only details that the family knows about Elsie's mystery donor is that he's a 40-year-old man from the United States. He was found through the cancer charity Delete Blood Cancer.

Mr Kumar, 41 said: "We're absolutely delighted with all that's happened as we never thought Elsie would be here for Christmas, so to have her here with us on the special day will be amazing.

"Her future is looking so much better than it did before as it was looking very bleak.

"She's still as delicate as she was before but she is still prone to side-effects so we're taking it on a day-by-day basis."

The Guardian reported in August this year that Elsie was considered a 'medical marvel' by doctors as she has been in remission twice despite being diagnosed with a terminal illness. She has been in and out of Great Ormond Street Hospital in London since her diagnosis.

About 5,000 donors signed up to register if they could be a match for Elsie, with the chance that only one or two of them could have been the donor - but the family got their lucky break with their mystery donor.

Her mixed English and Indian heritage makes it harder for a matching donor to be found.

Her condition is so rare that only one of its kind is recorded at University College Hospital in London a year.

Arun added: "The doctors are incredibly happy with Elsie's progress and we can only hope it continues this way.

"Our thoughts are always with our donor; our hero who has given our daughter his life back."

• *Elsie, two (middle) with her parents Helen (left) and Arun (right)*

Village magazine ceases after editor steps down

THE future of a village magazine is up in the air after it ceased publication last month after almost 50 years.

The Long Wittenham-based publication, Wittenham Ways, has come to a stop due to editor Anne Byard stepping down because of family commitments.

The magazine, which published reports submitted by village organisations, was set up in 1967 by St Mary the Virgin Church in the High Street and the community group, the Girls Friendly Society.

Ms Byard had edited the Ways for the last five years.

She said: "I have enjoyed editing the magazine which played an important part of community life. It has come a long way in 48 years.

"Without the support of village groups, contributors and those who delivered Wittenham Ways, it would not have been such a success."

The magazine was previously edited by the village's former vicar, Rev Desmond James.

However, despite the break in publication, residents and Long Wittenham Parish Council are still hopeful of reviving the publication.

Parish council chairman Steve Brown saying: "If no-one comes forward, we could look at continuing it through the council's website or through social media.

"We're examining a number of options because the Ways has been an important part of community life for so long."

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Council closure

WITNEY: The town council offices in Market Square will be closed from 2.30pm on Christmas Eve and reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday, December 29.

They will also be closed from 5pm on Wednesday, December 30, and re-open at 8.30am on Monday. January 4.

Hobbycraft

OXFORD: Hobbycraft in Meadowside Retail Park in Botley is donating a Christmas hamper of crafting treats to Helen and Douglas House hospice as part of its link with charity Together for Short Lives.

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£175,000 raised for charities

OXFORD: A firm of property consultants in Oxford has raised £175,000 this year for charities including Respite Nursing for Oxfordshire's Sick Youngsters (ROSY).

Bidwells embarked on the fundraising to mark its 175th anniversary. After setting a £100,000 target, its staff undertook abseiling, fitting 20 people in a Mini and a canoe challenge.

New service

CHERWELL: Advice on applications for alcohol, entertainment and late-night refreshment licenses is being offered in a new service from Cherwell District Council.

Fees start from £20 depending on the application.

Report published

OXON: The leaked independent review that criticized an NHS trust for failing to investigate 1,000 deaths has now been published online.

Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust ran the now-closed disability unit, Slade House, where Connor Sparrowhawk, 18, drowned in 2013.

Commissioned by NHS England, the report can be found at england.nhs.uk/news

Protest over £23m cut to adult care

A GROUP of about 20 protestors including residents and councillors gathered at Oxford's County Hall last Thursday to rally against 'deeply damaging and counter-productive' cuts to care for vulnerable adults.

Organised by charity Age UK Oxfordshire, the campaigners took up their protest against Oxfordshire County Council's (OCC) proposed £23 million cuts to adult social care as part of reductions in public services.

• Protestors and councillors gathered outside County Hall

By **Alex Ballinger**

Holding their placards and banners aloft, the group gathered outside the council offices in New Road where adult social care was discussed ahead of the budget being set in February.

Chief executive at Age UK Oxfordshire, Paul Cann, said: "The current savings proposals would have deeply damaging and counter-productive effects on the lives of unpaid carers and older people, by cutting support, which helps people stay active and out of hospitals and care homes."

He added: "Oxfordshire County Council needs to think imaginatively about alternative ways of generating savings, apart from hitting services for the vulnerable."

At the meeting, the council discussed responses to a public consultation on where it could save £50m by 2020. The next day the county council announced another 20m could have to be cut.

The performance scrutiny committee discussed the proposals in preparation for the 2016/17 budget being set in February next year.

Green Party councillors including group leader David Williams supported the protest.

Cllr Williams said: "Oxfordshire Green Party strongly supports efforts by Age UK and other organisations to resist further cuts to adult social care in our county.

"Oxfordshire Greens urge the county to rethink its priorities and redeploy funds towards those who most need our help."

The council's proposals for savings include stopping funding to day services for elderly people, cutting back support to unpaid carers like grants, and ceasing the Dementia Support Service when the contract ends.

OCC is in the process of saving £292m by 2018 but expects to be forced by Government to find another £70m by 2020.

Spokesperson for OCC, Chris Birdsall, said: "This is just discussing the options.

"No decision was made at the meeting."

The public were given the opportunity to speak at the meeting and comments will be presented to the council's cabinet on January 26.

Head expresses her pride at 'outstanding' school rating

HEADTEACHER Rachael Warwick has expressed her delight after Didcot Girls' School was given an 'outstanding' rating in an Ofsted inspection last month.

The education watchdog's inspectors heaped praise on the school, rating it as 'outstanding in three out of five areas, while also suggesting improvements in its sixth form shared with St Birinus boys school.

In a letter to parents and carers, Mrs Warwick said: "I am sure you feel the same pride as we do about this tremendous achievement. One of the inspectors said he had never before been in a school where so many students opened doors for others and behaved with such warmth and politeness.

• Didcot Girls' School head Rachael Warwick

"I am delighted with this result as it gives our local community a school of which to be deservedly proud."

The inspection was carried out over two days from November 24-25, with the report being published last Tuesday.

The report's key findings state that GCSE results at the school are considerably above the national average.

It also said teaching is 'excellent' in years 7 to 11, calling it 'interesting, inspiring and imaginative'.

The inspection said of Mrs Warwick: "The headteacher is an excellent leader. With her senior team, she empowers and enables staff to give of their very best.

"Staff have exceptional opportunities for professional development."

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War hero to be honoured in new movie

By **Loughlan Campbell**

AN Oxfordshire war hero is set to be honoured in a feature film to be released in 2017.

Major Reginald John Howard, then 33, led a perilous mission which was vital to D-Day's success and marked the start of Allied progress towards Hitler's defeat in the Second World War.

He headed the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry of 180 men who held off German forces trying to cross two strategic road bridges near Normandy to back-up forces fighting the Allies.

Using gliders they landed by the bridges on June 6 in 1944 and fought off German forces for 13 hours until reinforcements arrived.

German forces had laced the bridges with explosives so they could blow them up to stop the Allies crossing to march towards Germany. But Major Howard's men landed so close to the bridge that they caught the German forces by surprise.

Two of Major Howard's men died on the day and 14 were wounded.

Now London filmmaker Lance Nielsen is bringing Major Howard's story to life in a feature-film that starts filming in the summer.

He told the Guardian: "I had been really interested in the subject and read every single book on the subject. After visiting the site of the bridge in 2011, I just thought a film has to be made about it, so in May I sat down and put a script together."

The feature, titled Pegasus Bridge, will shoot on location in Normandy for two weeks and will also film for eight weeks in England. The film will also include a scene of Oxford's skyline in which Major Howard gestures to the city as a reason to fight.

Major Howard served in the Oxford City Police in 1938 before taking command of D Company, 2nd Battalion of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, which was a regiment of the British Allied Army Sixth Airborne Division.

He passed away on May 5 1999 at the age of 86 and served as a public servant after leaving the army in 1946.

He lived in Burcot and is buried in Clifton Hampden.

The film will depict the fighting on Pegasus Bridge and Ranville Bridge from both the Allied and the German perspective.

The stand-off was known as Operation Deadstick and was crucial to D-Day's triumph which marked the start of the liberation of German-occupied north-west Europe, which involved 156,000 allied soldiers.

Mr Nielsen, 41, from Kingston-upon-Thames released his debut feature, a drama called The Journey, last November.

Only two roles have been cast so far with Jason Flemyng of X-Men fame and Midsomer Murders actor Danny Web in key roles.

• The soldiers storm the bridge (pictures by Malte Rosenfeld and Alex Tabrizi)

• Promo shot for the film

• Producer Nicola Gregory (left) and Director Lance Nielsen in Normandy

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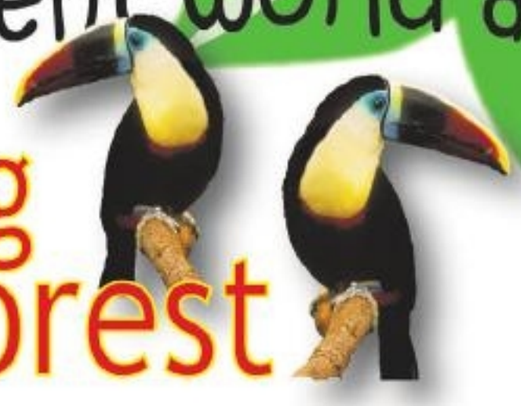

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Car set ablaze

KIDLINGTON: A car was stolen from Kidlington and set on fire in Cowley last Tuesday.

The blue BMW was taken after offenders broke into a property in Cherry Close and stole the key between midnight and 12.25am. It was later found burnt out at Cowley Marsh Park in Marsh Road.

Anyone with information is asked to call 101.

Fitness invitation

OXON: Sports groups in Oxfordshire have a chance to take part in a six-week fitness project as part of Sportivate's This Girl Can campaign.

They can submit an application to join the project, which encourages women to take part in more physical activity in February.

Applicants can submit applications up until January 15 in 2016 to meal@oxspa.co.uk

Help for Syrians

OXFORD: Two former Oxford University medical students have set up a online site to support Syrian medical students.

Kinan and Louwai Muhammed established the SyriaScholar site earlier this year as a way to help those unable to attend lectures to learn online. The website can be found at syriascholar.com.

Judge jails man, 45, for almost six years over forced-labour offences

A MAN has been sentenced to almost six years in prison for 10 offences including two counts of requiring a person to perform forced labour and two counts of putting a person in fear of violence.

By **Alex Ballinger**

Timothy Joyce, 45, of Redbridge Hollow travellers' site near Old Abingdon Road, Oxford, was sentenced at Oxford Crown Court for the offences last Thursday.

• *Timothy Joyce has been given prison sentences totalling almost six years for the ten offences*

Afterwards, Detective Chief Inspector Mark Glover, of Thames Valley Police's Major Crime Unit, said: "The sentence given to Joyce today is the result of a long and complex investigation. I would like to acknowledge the bravery of the victims in this case who came forward to police.

"Our priority continues to be to safeguard the vulnerable people who report offences to Thames Valley Police."

At the start of his trial on September 17, Joyce pleaded guilty to two counts of requiring another person to perform forced or compulsory labour, two counts of putting a person in fear of violence, three counts of harassment and one count of affray.

During an earlier hearing, he pleaded guilty to three counts of fraud committed against one man between September 22 and 27. This offence relates to Joyce using the victim's credit card to order a bed, a mattress and two bathroom suites.

He was sentenced to 30 months in prison for one of the charges of forced labour, 12 months in prison for one charge of harassment and nine months in prison for affray, all to be served concurrently.

Joyce was also sentenced to 18 months in prison for the second forced labour charge, 12 months and six months in prison respectively for the other harassment charges to be served consecutively, and one month in prison for each count of fraud to be served concurrently, and three months in prison for each further count of harassment.

His total sentence is five years and 10 months in prison.

He was arrested on March 26 and charged on March 27.

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Fire crews in training for medical role

ABINGDON and Didcot firefighters are in training as part of a pilot scheme to take on the role of paramedics.

The firefighters have volunteered to become CoResponders, a role which sees them receive training from South Central Ambulance Service (SCAS) in providing trauma care for specific medical emergencies.

These include patients struggling with breathing difficulties or those who have experienced a heart attack.

The crews will be alerted to a call at the same time as ambulance crews and would provide an initial response before the arrival of ambulance crews.

Nigel Wilson, area manager for operations and resilience for Oxfordshire County Council's Fire and Rescue Service, said: "This scheme is an excellent example of effective partnership working that will see skills and resources shared to enhance the service offered to the local community.

"A swift response is often crucial in a medical emergency and this scheme means that, where appropriate, firefighters can be mobilised to start to give medical treatment before the arrival of the ambulance crew."

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Oxford cinema cancels first Star Wars screenings

By **Loughlan Campbell**

THE force was not with Star Wars fans at Oxford's Odeon Cinema after the first Midnight screenings were cancelled.

Crowds were left disappointed after a fire alarm and technical difficulties at the George Street cinema meant the three screenings of The Force Awakens were called off last Thursday.

Fans, some of who were dressed as characters including Han Solo and Stormtroopers, were escorted out the cinema 35 minutes into the film.

Some of the cinema goers said they could smell smoke.

Oxford University student Matthew Sumption, 23, said: "It felt like such a big moment. It was the first time I'd ever seen people cheer in the cinema went it came on.

"After 35 minutes, the picture cut out and the lights came up, with an announcement played out to say that we had to leave the building."

The 23-year-old studying at Christ Church college added: "We waited outside for around 20 minutes and a fire engine and police cars showed up. There was a faint smell of smoke in the air."

Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service spokesman Chris Birdsall said a fire call out to Gloucester Green was a false alarm.

Mr Sumption, who dressed up as Harrison Ford character Han Solo, was escorted back into the cinema with his friends but the sound kept cutting out and the cinema cancelled the screening after another 10 minutes.

Tom Adams, 23, said: "There was a big feeling of disappointment rather than anger at the time.

"I think people were more upset with the fact that they'd waited all this time and only got to see a small portion of the film.

"We could have had a lot more communication about what was going on at the time."

The cinema, which did not respond to requests for a comment, offered refunds to Tom and Matthew.

Tom added: "It's such a huge event. We never expected to see another Star Wars film come out so the Midnight screening just had to be done."

* Ed Vaizey with a Stormtrooper (photo courtesy of @edvaizey)

Wantage MP Ed Vaizey however had better luck.

He attended the film's European red carpet premiere in Leicester Square in London last Wednesday.

And the minister of state for culture and media also has him name included in the end credits for his support to the UK film industry.

Parts of the film were shot in Pinewood Studios in Buckinghamshire.

News Bites

Death crash driver fell asleep at wheel

BURFORD: A man who killed another driver after falling asleep at the wheel has been jailed for over two years for causing death by dangerous driving.

Simon Westcarr, 51, of Dancey Road in Churchdown, Gloucester, was sentenced to two years and eight months in prison at Oxford Crown Court on December 11.

Westcarr was driving an Audi on the A40 Cheltenham Road near Burford when he fell asleep and crashed with a Volvo, killing Martin Braiser, 67, on December 16 last year. A female passenger in the Volva in her sixties was also seriously injured.

Drink drive arrests

OXON: Police have arrested 135 people in 13 days on suspicion of drink or drug driving across Thames Valley so far in their Christmas campaign.

The 'Where Will You End Up Tonight?' campaign has seen 111 men and 24 women arrested and 78 charged, officers announced last Thursday.

It runs until January 1.

Rubbish dates alter

OXON: Household and garden waste collection dates in South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse are changing over Christmas and New Year. For details see the councils' websites at southoxon.gov.uk whitehorsedc.gov.uk

• Cinemagoers wait outside in the cold in Gloucester Green (picture by Tom Adams)

Christmas delivery for children's cancer ward

FATHER Christmas and Geoffrey the giraffe delivered 200 Christmas gifts to youngsters undergoing cancer treatment at Oxford's John Radcliffe Hospital last Tuesday.

Wantage-based charity Team Mikayla arranged the trip to Kamran's Ward at the Headington hospital to hand out treats and treasure boxes to more than 20 children.

The charity was set up in September 2014 inspired by nine-year-old Mikayla Beames, from Wantage, who was diagnosed with brain cancer five years ago.

Mikalya's mum Natasha Beames said: "We are so proud to be visiting these children and giving them a present at Christmas.

"As a family we understand only too well what a cancer diagnosis means to family life especially at this time of year."

• Mikayla and Geoffrey the giraffe at the John Radcliffe Hospital

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The event's centrepiece is the 'The Grand Avenue', a central boulevard along which many iconic classics are driven. Everything from genuine Formula 1 Grand Prix racers to some of the most sought-after supercars from yesteryear take to the high-octane catwalk allowing visitors to see and hear their favourites in action. For 2016, The Grand Avenue will be even grander with a significant increase in track distance.

Closing date: Friday, February 5

Another of the eye-catching additions for 2016 is an entire new hall dedicated to prestige and performance classics with privately owned examples representing the country's 25 leading car clubs helping to create an entire show within a show. Visitors, too, will be treated to period entertainment to continue the hall's retro vibe.

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Quick Clues Across

4 Speaker (6)
8 Lay bare (7)
10 Exotic flowers (7)
11 Command (5)
12 Aristocratic (5)
13 Small parts (9)
16 Experts in abstract principles (9)
19 Egg-shaped (5)
20 Lid (5)
22 Likes better (7)
23 Relating to heat (7)
24 Turn around (6)

Quick Clues Down

1 Delayed (3,3)
2 Sour (4)
3 Exaggeration (13)
5 Rebuilt (13)
6 Finger protectors (8)
7 Refreshed (6)
9 Musical composition (5)
14 Adjoining (8)
15 Conductive metal (6)
17 Have reality (5)
18 Parchment (4)
21 Improvise in music (4)

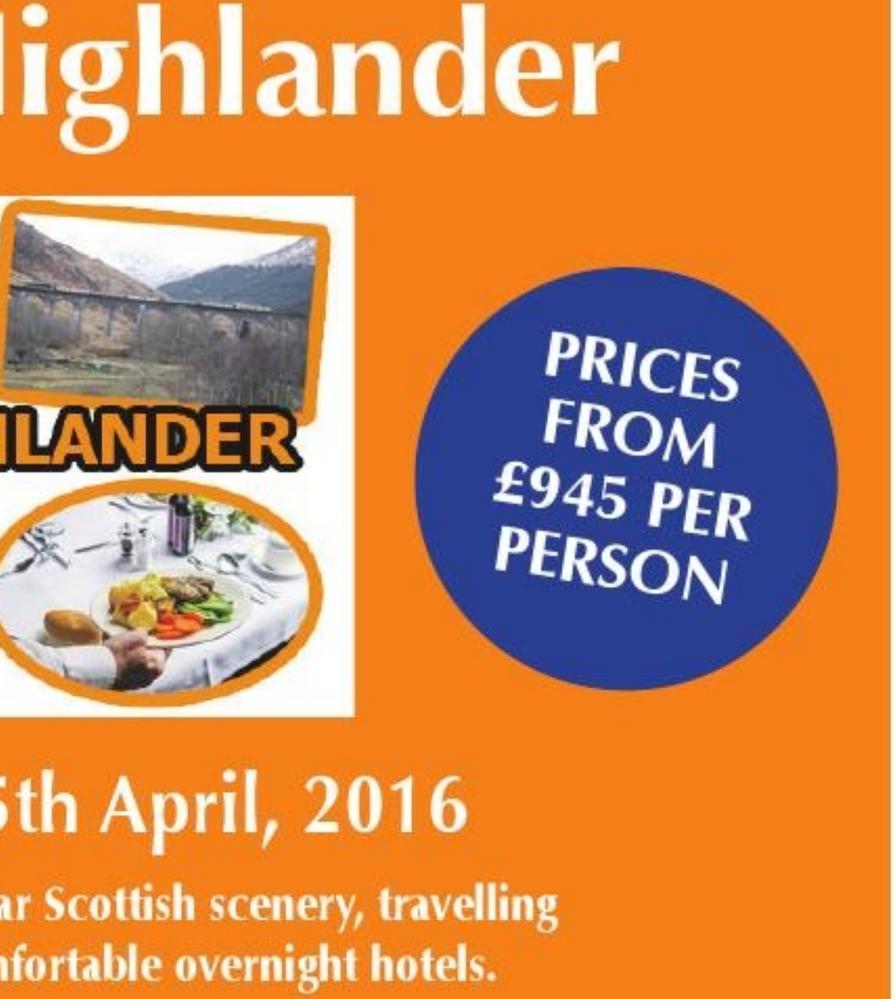
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

4 Or cast out the players (6)
8 Talk to a golf ball? (7)
10 Agony of men engaged in a wrongful act (7)
11 The rest of the mind and body (5)
12 Part of this is always used for making rope (5)
13 It's very discouraging (9)
16 Will thank men in trial (9)
19 Behold anger of river (5)
20 The company is back in poor trim (5)
22 Send round a tip as wages (7)
23 Forever without a goal (7)
24 Majestic month (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

1 Assembled a crowd to edit without it (6)
2 Sounds as if the image isn't working (4)
3 Lack of hope of those who otherwise need spare sets (13)
5 Special Yule current? (13)
6 Change over so he can protect one extremity (8)
7 Come to rest on the bench? (6)
9 The street has one piece of rock (5)
14 Aiming a gun under instruction (8)
15 Up the mountain mother's out giving blood (6)
17 Be frank. Call it by its name (5)
18 She impresses many characters (6)
21 No writer is unrestricted (4)



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EASY/MEDIUM/HARD

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This week's solutions

3	9	5	2	1	7	6	4	8
7	2	8	3	6	4	9	1	5
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2	8	9	6	4	3	5	7	1
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Quick Crossword

Across: 4 Orator 8 Uncover 10 Orchids 11 Order 12 Noble 13 Factions 17 Theorists 19 Ovate 20 Cover 22 Prefers 23 Thermal 24 Rotate

Down: 1 Put off 2 Acid 3 Overstatement 5 Reconstructed 6 Thimbles 7 Rested 9 Rondo 14 Adjacent 15 Copper 17 Exist 18 Scroll 21 Vamp

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 4 Actors 8 Address 10 Torment 11 Sleep 12 Sisal 13 Deterrent 16 Testament 19 Loire 20 Troop 22 Stipend 23 Endless 24 August

Down: 1 Massed 2 Idle 3 Desperateness 5 Christmastide 6 Overshoe 7 Settle 9 Stone 14 Training 15 Plasma 17 Spade 18 Typist 21 Open

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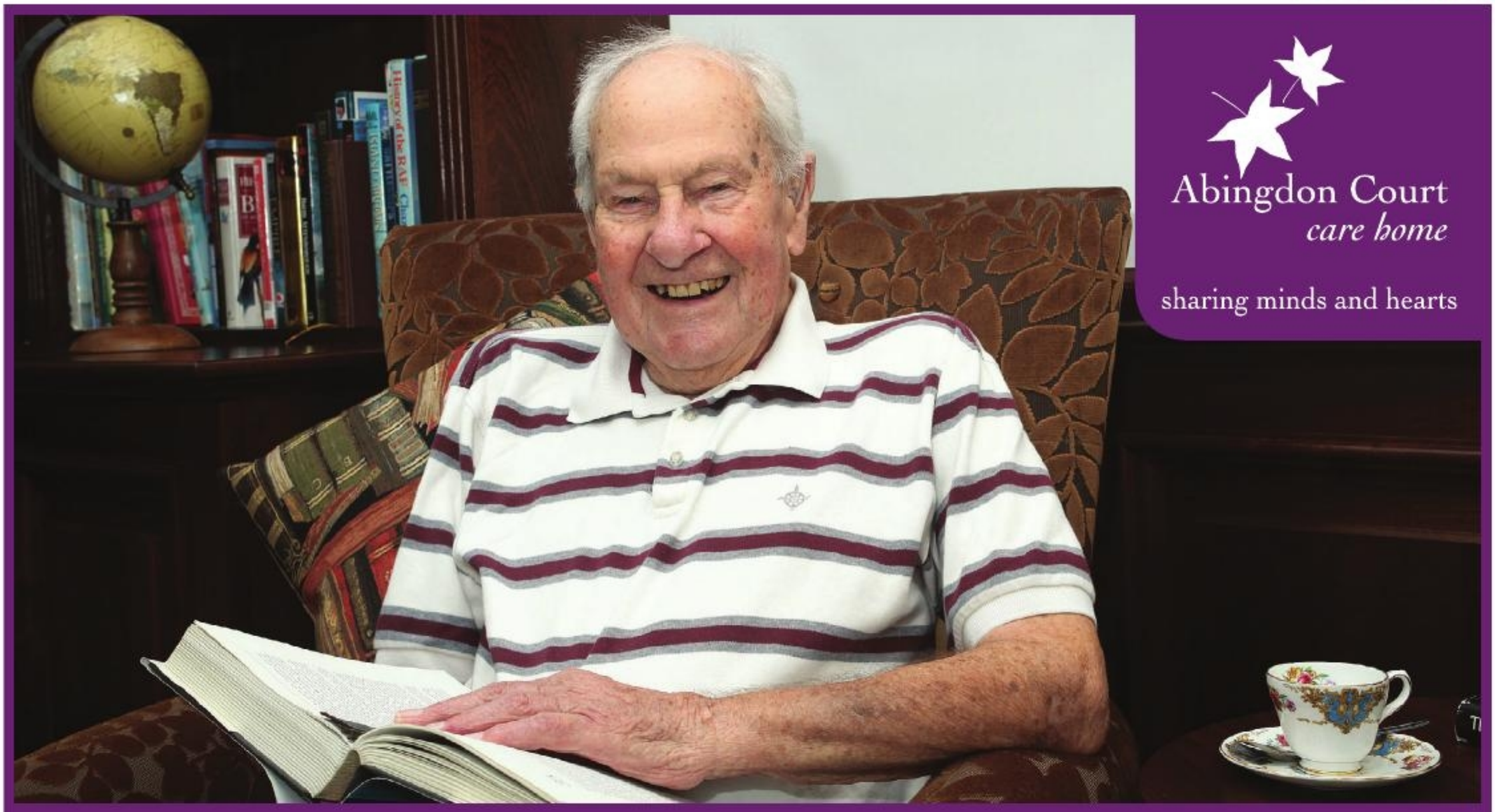

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Christmas Eve

BBC1

Not Going Out, 10.45pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.00 David Suchet: In the Footsteps of St Paul** (S)(R) **10.00 On Angel Wings** (S)(R) **10.30 FILM The Santa Clause (1994) (U)** (S) **12.00 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.00 BBC News at One; Weather** (S) **1.10 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **1.20 Snow Chick: A Penguin's Tale** (S)(R) **2.20 FILM A Christmas Carol (2009) (PG)** Animated fantasy, starring Jim Carrey. (S) **3.50 FILM Finding Nemo (2003) (U)** (S) **5.20 Harry Hill In Professor Branestawm Returns** (S) **6.20 BBC News** (S) **6.30 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **6.40 Celebrity Mastermind** (S)

7

7.10 Pointless Celebrities Christmas Special With Jeffrey Holland, Su Pollard, Alison Hammond, Colin Baker and Louise Jameson. (S)

8

8.00 Would I Lie to You? At Christmas With Bill Bailey, Ruth Jones, Jo Brand and Kelly Holmes. (S)
8.30 EastEnders Stacey goes into labour during the nativity play. (S)

9

9.05 Peter Kay: 20 Years of Funny A celebration of the Bolton comedian's two decades in the business, going back to his early days before stardom and hearing from friends and colleagues about what makes him tick. (S)

10

10.05 Walliams and Friend Sketch show, starring David Walliams and Joanna Lumley. (S)
10.45 Not Going Out An unexpected visitor turns Lee and Lucy's Christmas Eve upside down. (S)

11

11.30 BBC News; Weather (S)
11.45 Midnight Mass from St George's Cathedral, Southwark Live service from south London. (S)

AFTER 12

1.00 FILM Serendipity (2001) (PG) Romantic drama, starring Kate Beckinsale and John Cusack. (S) **2.25** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **2.30** BBC News (S)

BBC2

The Scandalous Lady W, 10pm

6.20 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) **7.20 James Martin – Home Comforts at Christmas** (S)(R) **8.05 Sign Zone: This Wild Life** (S)(R) **8.35 Sign Zone: Great British Menu** (S)(R) **9.05 FILM Bedknobs and Broomsticks (1971) (U)** (S) **11.00 The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure** (S)(R) **12.00 Natural World** (S)(R) **1.00 FILM Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit (1993) (PG)** (S) **2.45 Perry and Croft: Made in Britain** (S)(R) **3.15 The Snow Wolf Family and Me** (S)(R) **5.15 Carols from King's** Music and readings from the Chapel of King's College, Cambridge. (S) **6.30 To the Manor Born** (S)(R)

7.00 Dad's Army The vicar holds a fundraising bazaar. (S)(R)
7.30 Christmas University Challenge Exeter takes on Magdalen College, Oxford. (S)

8.00 MasterChef: The Professionals The three finalists have three hours to cook a starter, a main course and a dessert, before one of them is crowned Professional MasterChef Champion 2015. Last in the series. (S)

9.00 The Great History Quiz: The Tudors Kirsty Young asks the questions in this quiz which sees two teams of historians demonstrate their knowledge on all aspects of Tudor life. (S)

10.00 The Scandalous Lady W Fact-based period drama about an 18th-century noblewoman who found herself at the centre of a public scandal after eloping with her husband's best friend. Natalie Dormer stars. (S)(R)

11.30 FILM Dial M for Murder (1954) (PG) Alfred Hitchcock's thriller, with Ray Milland and Grace Kelly. (S)

1.10 Sign Zone: Simply Nigella: Christmas Special (S)(R) **2.10** Christmas Shopping Fever 2015: John Lewis and the Retail Race (S)(R) **3.10** James Martin – Home Comforts at Christmas (S)(R)

ITV

Through the Christmas Keyhole, 9.45pm

6.00 CITV 7.00 Good Morning Britain (S) **8.30 Lorraine** (S) **9.25 Elf: Buddy's Musical Christmas** (S)(R) **10.25 Pick Me!** (S)(R) **11.25 FILM Back to the Future Part II (1989) (PG)** Sci-fi comedy sequel, starring Michael J Fox. (S) **1.30 ITV Lunchtime News;** Weather (S) **1.45 FILM Small Soldiers (1998) (PG)** (S) **3.50 FILM National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (1989) (PG)** Comedy, starring Chevy Chase and Beverly D'Angelo. (S) **5.40 All Star Mr & Mrs** With Martine McCutcheon, Harry Redknapp and Gwyneth Strong. (S)(R) **6.45 ITV Evening News;** Weather (S)

7.00 Emmerdale Belle sees Zak and Joanie kissing and becomes determined to make her pay, while the warehouse robbery is on the news and Aaron's picture is in the paper. (S)

8.00 Coronation Street Fiz tells Tyrone that Hope might not be allowed home for Christmas. (S)
8.30 The Abba Christmas Party Paddy McGuinness presents as music and TV stars sing Abba hits. (S)

9.45 Through the Christmas Keyhole Keith Lemon has a festive rummage through the homes of three celebrities. Last in the series. (S)

10.45 ITV News; Weather (S)

11.00 Christmas Carols on ITV Aled Jones joins the congregation of St Elisabeth's Church in Reddish, Stockport, for their Christmas Eve carol service. (S)

12.00 FILM Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure (1989) (PG) (S) **1.40** Murder, She Wrote (S)(R) **2.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA (S)(R) **3.15** ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

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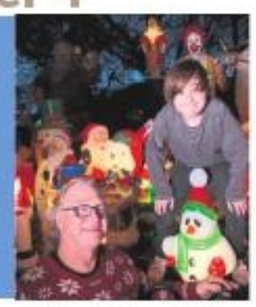
My Crazy Christmas Lights, 8pm

6.15 Small Animal Hospital (S) **7.00 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **7.40 The Snowman** (S)(R) **8.05 Father Christmas** (S)(R) **8.35 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **9.10 FILM Animals United (2010) (U)** (S) **10.55 FILM Horton Hears a Who! (2008) (U)** (S) **12.30 FILM Stuart Little (1999) (U)** (S) **2.10 Channel 4 News** (S) **2.15 FILM It's a Wonderful Life (1946) (U)** Fantasy drama, starring James Stewart. (S) **4.55 The Snowman** (S)(R) **5.25 The Snowman and the Snowdog** (S)(R) **6.00 Hollyoaks** Lockie suspects Cameron was involved in the explosion. (S)

7.00 Jamie's Night Before Christmas Jamie Oliver presents last-minute tips to help people improve their festive dishes. (S)

8.00 My Crazy Christmas Lights The phenomenon of competitive Christmas displays, where a passion for festive lights has seen neighbours trying to outdo each other for the most elaborate design. (S)

9.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Christmas Special Jimmy Carr hosts another festive edition of the show, with some of the nation's top comedy stars joining team captains Sean Lock and Jon Richardson. (S)

10.00 Rude Tube Christmas Cracker Alex Zane presents 50 festive internet clips that have proved popular around the world, including a turkey with a boob job and an inventive Christmas tree decoration-remover. (S)

11.00 Gogglebox Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. (S)(R)

12.00 The Inbetweeners (S)(R) **2.00** Man Down Christmas Special (S)(R) **2.30** Man Down (S)(R) **2.55** Man Down (S)(R) **3.25** Embarrassing Bodies (S)(R) **4.20** Benchmark (S) **5.10** Kirstie's Handmade Treasures (S)(R)

Channel 5

Christmas Makes You Laugh Out Loud, 7pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.30 The Real Face of Santa Claus (S) **10.30 FILM Gone with the Wind (1939) (PG)** Epic romantic drama, starring Vivien Leigh and Clark Gable. (S) **2.45 FILM The Dam Busters (1954) (U)** Fact-based Second World War drama, starring Michael Redgrave, Richard Todd, Basil Sydney, Derek Farr and Ursula Jeans. (S) **5.15 5 News** (S) **5.20 FILM Scrooge – A Christmas Carol (1951) (PG)** A hard-hearted skinflint is taught the error of his ways by a succession of spectral visitors. Adaptation of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, with Alastair Sim and Mervyn Johns. (S)

7.00 Christmas Makes You Laugh Out Loud Festive-themed videos that have taken the internet by storm; (S) 5 News Update (S)
7.55 Frank Sinatra & Gene Kelly: Ol' Blues Eyes Is Back A TV special from 1973. (S)

8.25 Happy Holidays with Frank Sinatra and Bing Crosby Christmas special from 1957; (S) 5 News Update (S)
8.55 The Morecambe and Wise Christmas Show Festive special from 1981. (S)(R)

10.00 Christmas with the Double Acts An hour of side-splitting fun with some of the greatest double acts to have graced the small screen, proving that when it comes to comedy, two are often better than one. (S)

11.00 Morecambe & Wise Live! 1973 The duo's performance at the Ashcroft Theatre in Croydon's Fairfield Halls in October 1973. (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 The Hot Desk: Nick Jonas **6.10** 1000 Heartbeats for Text Santa **7.00** Emmerdale **7.30** Coronation Street **8.00** Keep It in the Family Christmas Special **9.00** FILM: Santa Baby (2006) (PG) **10.55** FILM: Beethoven's Christmas Adventure (2011) (U) **12.45** Emmerdale **1.15** Coronation Street **1.45** Merry Christmas Mr Bean **2.20** You've Been Framed! **3.20** All Star Family Fortunes Christmas Special **4.20** Catchphrase Christmas Special **5.25** FILM: The Polar Express (2004) (U) **7.25** FILM: Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993) (PG) **9.00** FILM: Casino Royale (2006) (12) **11.55** Celebrity Juice Christmas Special **12.55** Through the Christmas Keyhole **2.00** Release the Hounds: Jingle Hell **2.55** Release the Hounds: Jingle Hell II **3.45** The Office Xmas Party **4.30** Educating Joey Essex: Winter Essex-Pedition **5.20** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 Judge Judy **6.20** The Royal **7.10** Goodnight Mister Tom **9.15** Inspector Morse **11.35** Foyle's War **1.40** FILM: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (1971) (U) **3.45** Agatha Christie's Marple **5.50** FILM: Mamma Mia! (2008) (PG) **8.00** Lewis **10.00** Endeavour **12.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **2.00** FILM: The Secret of My Success (1987) (PG) **3.50** Rising Damp **4.15** Wycliffe

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7
7.00 Merry Madagascar **7.20** FILM: Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (2008) (PG) **8.40** FILM: Kung Fu Panda 2 (2011) (PG) **10.00** EastEnders **10.35** Him & Her: The Christmas Special **11.05** Family Guy **12.55** American Dad! **1.40** Bad Education Christmas Special **2.10** Murder in Successville **3.45** Great Movie Mistakes V: Revenge of the Fifth **4.00** Close

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 Sings Disney Songs **8.00** All Aboard! The Sleigh Ride **10.00** Top of the Pops Christmas 1978 **11.00** Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? **11.45** Britain's Most Dangerous Songs: Listen to the Banned **12.45** Top of the Pops Christmas 1979 **1.45** Whatever Happened to the Likely Lads? **2.35** Carols from King's 1954: A Festival of Lessons and Carols **3.20** Some Santas with Jokes **3.45** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.20 Ivor the Invisible **6.50** Charmed **8.30** Hollyoaks **9.00** Lost and Found **9.35** The Bear **10.10** How I Met Your Mother **11.05** Charmed **1.00** How I Met Your Mother **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **3.00** The Big Bang Theory: Big Bang A to Z – A is for... Anything Can Happen Thursday **3.30** The Big Bang Theory: Big Bang A to Z – B is for... Bazinga! **4.00** The Big Bang Theory: Big Bang A to Z – C is for... Camping **4.30** The Big Bang Theory: Big Bang A to Z – D is for... Driving **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Taken (2008) (15) **10.50** The Big Bang Theory **11.50** Rude Tube **12.50** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **1.50** How I Met Your Mother **2.20** New Girl **3.30** The New Normal

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 Time Team **10.00** Jamie's Family Christmas **10.30** Kirstie's Vintage Gems **10.45** FILM: Big Miracle (2012) (PG) **12.55** Celebrity Come Dine with Me: Christmas Special **3.35** Jamie's Family Christmas **4.10** The 100 Greatest Musicals **6.55** My Big Fat Gypsy Christmas: Tinsel and Tiaras **7.55** The World's Most Expensive Christmas **9.00** Father Ted Christmas Special **10.15** Father Ted **11.20** The Golden Rules of Porn **1.00** Father Ted **1.35** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **2.35** Shipping Wars **3.30** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 Amelia (2010) (U) **12.50** Evolution (2001) (PG) **2.55** Bride Wars (2009) (12) **4.40** Parental Guidance (2012) (U) **6.45** I, Robot (2004) (12) **9.00** The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (2011) (12) **11.25** Dredd (2012) (18) **1.15** Wild at Heart (1990) (18) **3.50** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
6.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green **8.00** Trawlermen **9.00** Storage Hunters **10.00** Storage Hunters UK **11.00** Ice Road Truckers **12.00** Top Gear **1.40** Top Gear Winter Olympics Special **2.40** Traffic Cops **4.00** Top Gear Africa Special **6.40** Top Gear **8.00** Storage Hunters UK **9.00** Mock the Week Christmas Special **9.40** Mock the Week **11.00** QI XL **12.00** Not Going Out **2.00** Alan Davies: Xmas Untitled **3.00** Red Bull Rampage **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 The Flash **8.00** Futurama **10.00** David Attenborough's Flying Monsters **11.30** Monkey Life **12.00** Disney's Greatest Musicals **1.00** Best Christmas Movies Ever **2.30** The Big Movie Singalong **3.30** The Simpsons **4.30** Modern Family **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Star Wars: Greatest Moments **10.00** Trolled: A Christmas Carol **11.00** Bring the Noise Christmas Special **12.00** A League of Their Own **1.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **2.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** The Flash

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 Seinfeld **8.00** The British **10.00** Without a Trace **4.00** Blue Bloods **8.00** Micro Monsters with David Attenborough **9.00** Game of Thrones **1.55** Game of Thrones: A Gathering Storm **2.10** The Brink

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Christmas Day

DAYTIME

BBC1

Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Special 2015, **6.15pm**

6.00 Breakfast 9.00 Shrek the Halls 9.20 Clangers 9.35 Danger Mouse: The Snowman Cometh 10.00 Christmas Day Service Live from Bath Abbey 11.00 FILM The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause (2006) (U) (S) **12.25 FILM Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (2012) (PG)** (S) **1.50 BBC News;** Weather (S) **2.00 Top of the Pops Christmas** (S) **3.00 The Queen's Christmas Broadcast 2015** (S) **3.10 FILM Brave (2012) (PG)** (S) **4.35 BBC News;** Weather (S) **4.45 Stick Man** (S) **5.15 Doctor Who** (S) **6.15 Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Special 2015** (S)

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7.30 Call the Midwife As Poplar readies itself for Christmas 1960, a visit from a BBC film crew promises to make it a festive holiday to remember. However, it's a difficult time for grieving mother Iris. (S)

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8.45 EastEnders Ian's hopes of a perfect Christmas fall apart when the Beales and Mitchells end up arguing, Stacey receives an unexpected visitor and Dean surprises Roxy with an engagement ring. (S)

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9.45 Mrs Brown's Boys Christmas Special The doting mother yearns for peace and quiet. (S)

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10.25 Michael McIntyre's Big Christmas Show From the Theatre Royal in Drury Lane, London, the host welcomes performers including Dara O Briain, Paul Zerdin, Ellie Goulding and Tom Jones to the stage. (S)

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11.25 BBC News; Weather (S)
11.40 Love Came Down at Christmas From St Alban's Church in Bristol; (S) National Lottery Update (S)
11.45 Comedy Bloopers (S)

AFTER 12

12.15 Not Going Out (S)(R) **1.00 FILM Surviving Christmas (2004) (12)** Comedy, starring Ben Affleck. (S) **2.25** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **2.30** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Darcey's Ballet Heroes, **8.50pm**

6.00 FILM The Road to El Dorado (2000) (U) (S) **7.20 Galapagos – Islands of Change: Natural World** (S)(R) **8.20 FILM Herbie Rides Again (1974) (U)** (S) **9.45 FILM The Cat in the Hat (2003) (PG)** (S) **11.00 Carols from King's** (S)(R) **12.15 Climbed Every Mountain – The Story Behind The Sound of Music** (S)(R) **1.15 The Good Life** (S)(R) **1.45 FILM Frankenweenie (2012) (PG)** (S) **3.05 Tim Rice – A Life in Song** (S)(R) **4.35 FILM Romeo & Juliet (2013) (PG)** (S) **6.20 Sign Zone: The Queen's Christmas Broadcast 2015** (S)(R) **6.30 World's Sneakiest Animals** (S)

7.30 Dad's Army Mainwaring organises a Christmas treat. (S) (R)

8.00 The Two Ronnies: Christmas Show (S)(R)
8.50 Darcey's Ballet Heroes Darcey Bussell considers the dancers who transformed male ballet. (S)

9.50 QI With panellists Jenny Eclair, Johnny Vegas and Bill Bailey. (S)

10.20 We're Doomed!: The Dad's Army Story Comedy drama about how Jimmy Perry and David Croft overcame BBC management scepticism and focus groups to get the sitcom Dad's Army on air. (S)(R)

11.20 FILM Gambit (2012) (12) Comedy remake, starring Colin Firth, Cameron Diaz and Alan Rickman. (S)

12.40 FILM The Trouble with Harry (1955) (PG) Black comedy, starring Edmund Gwenn. (S) **2.20** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

Cameraman to the Queen, **3.10pm**

6.00 CITV 8.25 Weekend at Christmas (S) **9.25 FILM Santa Claus: The Movie (1985) (U)** (S) **11.30 FILM Happy Feet (2006) (U)** (S) **1.35 Text Santa: One More Time** (S) **2.45 ITV Lunchtime News;** Weather (S) **3.00 The Queen** (S) **3.10 Cameraman to the Queen** Royal cameraman Peter Wilkinson follows the queen over the course of one year. (S) **4.10 Countrywise Winter Wonderland** (S) **5.00 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs at Christmas** (S) **6.00 ITV Evening News;** Weather (S) **6.15 You've Been Framed! With Bells On** (S) **6.45 Emmerdale** (S)

7.45 Coronation Street Robert is about to propose to Tracy, but first he asks her a question that leaves her reeling. Meanwhile, Sinead is thrilled when she gets an engagement ring of her own. (S)

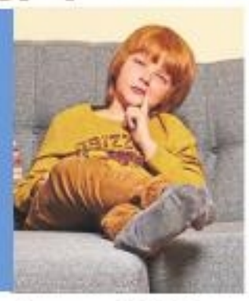
8.45 Downton Abbey – The Finale Mary endeavours to build bridges, but Edith's secret continues to pose a threat as Julian Fellowes bids farewell to the Crawleys with one last festive special. (S)

10.45 Our Cilla A celebration of Cilla Black by the people who knew her best, including famous faces such as Ringo Starr, Cliff Richard, Christopher Biggins and Paul O'Grady. (S)

11.45 ITV News; Weather (S)

12.00 FILM Dr No (1962) (PG) James Bond spy thriller, starring Sean Connery. (S) **1.50** Murder, She Wrote (S)(R) **2.45** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA (S)(R) **3.25** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4


Gogglesprogs, **8pm**

6.45 Prep & Landing (S)(R) **7.05 Prep & Landing: Naughty v Nice** (S)(R) **7.30 The Bear** (S)(R) **8.00 FILM A Turtle's Tale: Sammy's Adventures (2010) (U)** (S) **9.40 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **11.15 Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas** (S)(R) **11.40 Toy Story Toons** (S) **12.10 Father Christmas** (S)(R) **12.40 The Snowman** (S)(R) **1.15 The Snowman and the Snowdog** (S)(R) **1.45 FILM The Muppet Christmas Carol (1992) (U)** (S) **3.25 Channel 4 News** (S) **3.35 Alternative Christmas Message** (S) **3.45 FILM Scrooged (1988) (PG)** (S) **5.45 FILM Home Alone 2: Lost in New York (1992) (PG)** (S)

8.00 Gogglesprogs The nation's children share their opinions on the best and worst of 2015's TV, from the cakes on The Great British Bake off, to big news stories like the general election. (S)

9.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man Christmas Special The host is joined by Catherine Tate's Nan, Keith Lemon, Lorraine Kelly, Emma Willis and Marvin Humes. Last in the series. (S)

11.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Christmas Special Recalling some of the most memorable stories of 2015. (S)

12.05 Very British Problems at Christmas (S)(R) **1.05 FILM Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1986) (15)** (S) **2.50** Friday Night Dinner (S)(R) **3.15** Gadget Man (S)(R) **3.40** Gadget Man (S)(R) **4.10** Benchmark (S)

Channel 5

Sinatra 100: An All-Star Grammy Concert, **11.05pm**

6.00 Milkshake! 9.50 Andre Rieu's Christmas Spectacular A seasonal concert by the Dutch violinist. (S)(R) **10.50 FILM Scrooge (1970) (U)** Musical fantasy, starring Albert Finney. (S) **1.05 FILM Seven Brides for Seven Brothers (1954) (U)** Musical Western, starring Howard Keel. (S) **3.10 FILM The Wizard of Oz (1939) (U)** Musical fantasy, starring Judy Garland. (S) **5.10 Michael Buble's Christmas 2015** Festive special, with guest appearances by Celine Dion, Tori Kelly and Sharon Jones. (S)(R) **6.05 Britain's Favourite Christmas Songs** Festive music countdown. (S)(R)

8.50 Chas & Dave's Xmas Knees Up! Festive entertainment from 1982, featuring Eric Clapton and Jim Davidson. (S)(R)

9.40 Britain's Favourite Abba Songs A countdown of the Swedish pop group's 20 most popular songs, with celebrity fans including Jane McDonald and Liz McClarnon introducing their favourite clips. (S)(R)

11.05 Sinatra 100: An All-Star Grammy Concert Celebration of the 100th anniversary of the singer's birth. (S)

1.25 Abba: Live in Concert (S)(R) **2.35** SuperCasino **4.00** Christmas with Britain's Biggest Family (S)(R) **4.45** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.10** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.35** House Doctor (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 Christmas Bonkers Guinness World Records **6.25** Emmerdale **7.25** Coronation Street **7.55** Elf: Buddy's Musical Christmas **8.55** You've Been Framed at Christmas! **9.50** You've Been Framed! **10.15** Catchphrase Christmas Special **11.15** Merry Christmas Mr Bean **11.50** Mr Bean **12.25** Emmerdale **1.25** Coronation Street **2.00** FILM: The Polar Express (2004) (U) **3.55** FILM: ET: The Extra-Terrestrial (1982) (U) **6.15** FILM: The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997) (PG) **8.45** FILM: Quantum of Solace (2008) (12) **10.55** FILM: The Bourne Supremacy (2004) (12) **1.05** Celebrity Juice: Bestest Bits 2015 Part 2 **2.00** Release the Hounds: Famous and Freaked **2.55** Tricked: Top 30 **3.45** Educating Joey Essex: Africa

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 Movies Now **6.10** George and Mildred **6.35** FILM: Carry On Don't Lose Your Head (1966) (PG) **8.30** FILM: Carry On Cruising (1962) (U) **10.20** FILM: Carry On at Your Convenience (1971) (PG) **12.15** FILM: Carry On Loving (1970) (PG) **2.05** FILM: Carry On Cowboy (1966) (U) **4.05** FILM: Carry On Jack (1963) (PG) **6.00** FILM: Carry On Screaming (1966) (PG) **8.00** FILM: Carry On Camping (1969) (PG) **9.50** FILM: Carry On Cleo (1964) (PG) **11.45** FILM: The Baby and the Battleship (1956) (U) **1.40** Rising Damp **2.10** George and Mildred

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7
7.00 The Gruffalo's Child **7.30** FILM: Toy Story (1995) (PG) **8.45** FILM: How to Train Your Dragon (2010) (PG) **10.15** Live at the Apollo **11.00** EastEnders **12.00** American Dad! **12.45** Family Guy **2.15** Uncle **3.45** Sunny D **4.00** Close

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 The Quizeum **7.30** Carlos Acosta's Carmen: The Farewell Performance **8.45** FILM: The Titfield Thunderbolt (1953) (PG) **10.05** Top of the Pops Christmas 1975 **10.55** Top of the Pops Christmas 1979 **12.00** Detectorists Christmas Special **12.30** The Joy of the Single **1.30** Top of the Pops: A Christmas Cracker **1.40** Top of the Pops Christmas 1975 **2.30** Carlos Acosta's Carmen: The Farewell Performance

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **7.55** Suburgatory **8.30** The Mindy Project **9.30** Melissa & Joey **10.30** Baby Daddy **11.30** FILM: Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (2011) (U) **1.30** Prep & Landing **2.00** Prep & Landing: Naughty v Nice **2.30** Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas **3.00** The Big Bang Theory: Big Bang A to Z – E is for... Engagement **3.30** The Big Bang Theory: Big Bang A to Z – F is for... Fun with Flags **4.00** The Big Bang Theory: Big Bang A to Z – G is for... Goths **4.30** The Big Bang Theory: Big Bang A to Z – H is for... Hawking **5.00** The Secret Life of Children at Christmas **6.00** Frozen at Christmas **7.00** The Snowman **7.30** The Snowman and the Snowdog **8.05** The Big Bang Theory **10.30** The Inbetweeners **12.40** The Big Bang Theory **1.40** Tattoo Fixers **2.40** The Secret Life of Children at Christmas

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 Jamie's Comfort Food **9.35** Stephen Fry's 100 Greatest Gadgets **12.40** Gadget Man's Guide to Christmas **1.50** The 100 Greatest Musicals **4.35** Britain's Best Loved Sitcoms **6.45** Father Ted Christmas Special **8.00** FILM: Robin Hood (2010) (12) **10.45** Big Fat Gypsy Christmas: Carols and Caravans **11.50** Father Ted Christmas Special **1.00** 24 Hours in A&E **2.10** Shipping Wars **3.35** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 White Christmas (1954) (U) **1.20** Howl's Moving Castle (2004) (U) **3.40** Avatar (2009) (12) **6.50** School of Rock (2003) (PG) **9.00** Pitch Perfect (2012) (12) **11.10** Coming to America (1988) (15) **1.25** Taxi Driver (1976) (18) **3.45** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
6.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green **8.00** Trawlermen **9.00** Storage Hunters **10.00** Storage Hunters UK **11.00** Ice Road Truckers **12.00** Top Gear Africa Special **2.40** Top Gear **4.00** Top Gear Patagonia Special **6.40** Tim Vine – The Joke-Amotive **8.00** Not Going Out **10.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **11.00** Alan Davies: Xmas Untitled **12.00** Room 101 **2.00** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **3.00** Storage Hunters UK **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 The Flash **8.00** Futurama **10.00** Soccer AM Xmas Special **12.00** Raiders, Raptors and Rebels: Behind the Magic of ILM **1.00** Star Wars: Greatest Moments **3.00** The Queen **3.10** Football's Funniest Moments **4.00** The Simpsons **4.30** Modern Family **6.30** The Simpsons **9.00** Stella: Christmas Special **10.30** A League of Their Own Christmas Party **11.30** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **12.30** A League of Their Own **1.00** Hawaii Five-0

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 Seinfeld **8.00** The British **10.00** Micro Monsters with David Attenborough **10.30** David Attenborough's Conquest of the Skies **2.30** Making Attenborough's Galapagos **3.30** David Attenborough's Galapagos **6.30** The Making of David Attenborough's Natural History Museum Alive **7.30** David Attenborough's Natural History Museum Alive **9.00** Game of Thrones **1.45** The Brink **4.00** The British

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6.00 Breakfast (S) **10.00 Christmas Saturday Kitchen** (S) **11.30 James Martin – Home Comforts at Christmas** (S)(R) **12.15 BBC News; Weather** (S) **12.25 Football Focus** (S) **1.00 Comic Relief 2015: Thanks a Billion!** (S) **2.00 Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Out** (S)(R) **2.25 A Grand Night In: The Story of Aardman** (S) **3.25 FILM Puss In Boots (2011) (U)** (S) **4.45 FILM The Croods (2013) (U)** Premiere. Animated comedy, with the voice of Nicolas Cage. (S) **6.10 Shaun the Sheep: The Farmer's Llamas** (S) **6.40 BBC News** (S) **6.50 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S)

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7.00 Dickensian New series. Period drama, weaving connections between Charles Dickens' various novels. (S)
7.30 EastEnders Kat tells Martin that Alfie is still in Spain. (S)

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8.00 Still Open All Hours New series. Granville and Gastric try to get Madge in festive mood with a drinks party. (S)
8.30 Dickensian Inspector Bucket begins his investigation into Jacob Marley's murder. (S)

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9.00 And Then There Were None New series. Ten strangers are stranded on a remote island, and learn there may be a killer in their midst. Period mystery, starring Anna Maxwell Martin. Continues tomorrow. (S)

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10.00 BBC News; Weather (S)
10.20 The National Lottery Live (S)
10.30 Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents highlights of the full programme of Premier League games; (S) National Lottery Update (S)

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AFTER 12

12.05 FILM The Guardian (2006) (12) Drama, starring Kevin Costner. (S) **2.15** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **2.20** BBC News (S)

BBC2

A Gert Lush Christmas, 9pm

6.00 Race to Super Bowl 50 (S)(R) **6.50 Flog It!** (S) **7.35 FILM Tom Thumb (1958) (U)** (S) **9.05 FILM Hotel for Dogs (2009) (U)** (S) **10.35 Ten Pieces II** (S) **11.35 FILM G-Force (2009) (PG)** (S) **1.00 Attenborough's Big Birds: Natural World** (S)(R) **2.00 Attenborough's Paradise Birds** David Attenborough examines the appeal of birds of paradise. (S)(R) **3.00 FILM Bedtime Stories (2008) (PG)** Fantasy comedy, starring Adam Sandler. (S) **4.30 Final Score** (S) **5.30 Don't Panic! The Dad's Army Story** (S)(R) **6.20 We're Doomed!: The Dad's Army Story** (S)(R)

7.20 Dad's Army Captain Mainwaring's brother visits. (S) (R)

8.00 Top Gear: From A to Z John Bishop narrates the first of two programmes celebrating the highlights of the Jeremy Clarkson, James May and Richard Hammond era, via an alphabetical list. (S)

9.00 A Gert Lush Christmas Comedian Russell Howard's debut comedy drama. (S)

10.00 Abz on the Christmas Farm Former boyband singer Abz Love reflects on his year as a smallholder farmer. (S)
10.30 Backchat End of Year Show 2015 (S)

11.15 FILM Kinky Boots (2005) (12) Comedy drama, starring Chiwetel Ejiofor and Joel Edgerton. (S)

1.00 FILM Marnie (1964) (15) Alfred Hitchcock's thriller, starring Sean Connery and Tippi Hedren. (S) **3.05** Sign Zone: Imagine – The Ecstasy of Wilko Johnson (S)(R) **4.40** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

Surprise Surprise, 7pm

6.00 CITV 9.25 Elf: Buddy's Musical Christmas Stop-motion animated adventure based on the film Elf. (S)(R) **10.25 You've Been Framed!** Featuring lookalikes of Matthew Kelly, Steven Spielberg and Osama bin Laden. (S)(R) **10.55 FILM Back to the Future Part III (1990) (PG)** Sci-fi comedy sequel, starring Michael J Fox. (S) **1.05 ITV News** (S) **1.20 FILM Jurassic Park (1993) (PG)** Action adventure, starring Sam Neill. (S) **3.40 Midsomer Murders** An apparent suicide shocks the village of Morton Fendle. (S)(R) **5.40 ITV News** (S) **6.00 The Nation's Favourite Disney Song** (S)

7.00 Surprise Surprise Holly Willoughby delivers Christmas presents to members of the public, including an injured soldier preparing to row across the Atlantic and a young heart transplant survivor. (S)

8.00 Peter & Wendy In a re-imagining of Peter Pan, a patient at St Ormond Street Hospital dreams of the classic tale, stepping into Wendy's shoes to help Peter battle Captain Hook. (S)

10.05 The Jonathan Ross Show Christmas Special A Boxing Day special in which the host invites his guests to play festive games. Last in the series. (S)

11.10 ITV News; Weather (S)
11.25 FILM From Russia with Love (1963) (PG) James Bond thriller, starring Sean Connery. (S)

1.25 Jackpot247 3.00 Murder, She Wrote (S)(R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4

Fantastic Mr Fox, 11.25am

6.15 FILM Ramona and Beezus (2010) (U) (S) **8.00 The Morning Line** (S) **9.00 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **10.25 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **11.25 FILM Fantastic Mr Fox (2009) (PG)** (S) **1.10 Channel 4 Racing** (S) **3.30 FILM Home Alone 3 (1997) (PG)** Comedy sequel, starring Alex D Linz. (S) **5.25 Channel 4 News** (S) **5.35 The Secret Life of Children at Christmas** The children are reunited to perform their own nativity play. (S)(R) **6.30 Britain's Favourite Children's Books with David Walliams** A countdown detailing the nation's most beloved children's books. (S)

8.00 Inside Lego at Christmas Cameras return to the Lego factory ahead of Christmas to discover how staff prepare for the festive season, which accounts for more than half of the firm's annual sales. (S)

9.00 The Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2015 The annual year-end quiz, hosted by Jimmy Carr. (S)

11.05 Rude Tube Christmas Cracker Alex Zane presents 50 festive internet clips that have proved popular around the world. (S)(R)

12.10 Alan Carr: Chatty Man Christmas Special (S)(R) **2.05** Rude Tube (S) **3.00** Hollyoaks (S)(R) **5.10** Location, Location, Location (S)(R)

Channel 5

Christmas Makes You Laugh Out Loud, 7.05pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.10 The Saturday Show (S) **11.10 The Dog Rescuers at Christmas with Alan Davies** Alan Davies throws a party for some of the series' stars. (S)(R) **12.10 The Secret Life of Marilyn Monroe** Biopic, starring Kelli Garner and Susan Sarandon. (S) **3.15 FILM Diana (2013) (12)** Premiere. The Princess of Wales has a passionate affair with a Pakistani heart surgeon in the last two years of her life. Fact-based drama, starring Naomi Watts. (S) **5.05 FILM One Chance (2013) (12)** Premiere. Fact-based comedy drama, starring James Corden. (S)

7.05 Christmas Makes You Laugh Out Loud Iain Lee presents Christmas-themed videos that have taken the internet by storm in a seasonal special showcasing hilarious online clips with a festive twist. (S)(R)

8.05 Chas & Dave's Xmas Knees Up! Festive entertainment from 1982, featuring Eric Clapton and Jim Davidson. (S)(R)

9.00 Football League Tonight: Boxing Day Special Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the packed Boxing Day fixture list, including Hull City v Burnley. (S)

10.30 Most Shocking Christmas TV Moments A merry romp through the most inappropriate, outrageous and appallingly atrocious Christmas television turkeys of all time. (S)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 Emmerdale **9.00** Coronation Street **11.55** FILM: Space Jam (1996) (U) **1.40** FILM: Happy Feet (2006) (U) **3.45** Emmerdale **4.50** Coronation Street **5.55** You've Been Framed! With Bells On **6.25** Minion Madness **6.40** FILM: Despicable Me (2010) (U) **8.30** FILM: Skyfall (2012) (12) James Bond thriller, starring Daniel Craig. **11.20** FILM: The Bourne Ultimatum (2007) (12) **1.35** Unseen Celebrity Juice Tit Bits **2.15** Release the Hounds **3.10** Reality Bites **3.45** Viral Tap **4.20** The Almost Impossible Gameshow **5.10** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 Movies Now **6.10** Rising Damp **6.35** FILM: Santa Claus: The Movie (1985) (U) **8.45** FILM: Carry On Jack (1963) (PG) **10.35** FILM: Carry On Cowboy (1966) (U) **12.35** FILM: On the Buses (1971) (PG) **2.25** FILM: Mutiny on the Buses (1972) (PG) **4.15** FILM: Holiday On the Buses (1973) (PG) **6.00** Housewife, 49 **8.00** The Nation's Favourite Elvis Song **9.30** Agatha Christie's Marple **11.35** Inspector Morse **3.45** Wycliffe **4.40** Where the Heart Is **5.55** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7
7.00 Doctor Who **8.00** FILM: Toy Story 2 (1999) (U) **9.30** Live at the Apollo **10.00** EastEnders **10.30** Russell Howard's Good News **11.00** Family Guy **1.30** Uncle **3.00** Don't Tell the Bride: Christmas in Wonderland **4.00** Close

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 All Aboard! The Sleigh Ride **9.00** Natural World **9.50** Dancing Cranes of Sweden **10.00** Big Hits: TOTP 1964 to 1975 **11.30** A Very British Map: The Ordnance Survey Story **12.30** John Denver: Country Boy **1.30** Natural World **2.20** Big Hits: TOTP 1964 to 1975 **3.50** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Made in Chelsea Christmas **7.00** Olive, the Other Reindeer **7.45** Famous Fred **8.20** Ivor the Invisible **8.55** Father Christmas **9.30** Prep & Landing **9.55** Prep & Landing: Naughty v Nice **10.25** Frozen at Christmas **11.30** FILM: Animals United (2010) (U) **1.20** Rude(ish) Tube Shorts **1.30** The Big Bang Theory **3.00** The Big Bang Theory: Big Bang A to Z – I is for... Ice Cream **3.30** The Big Bang Theory: Big Bang A to Z – J is for... Justice League of America **4.00** The Big Bang Theory: Big Bang A to Z – K is for... Knocking **4.30** The Big Bang Theory: Big Bang A to Z – L is for... Laundry Day **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **5.30** The Snowman **6.05** The Snowman and the Snowdog **6.35** FILM: The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (2010) (12) **9.00** FILM: The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn – Part 1 (2011) (12) **11.20** Gogglebox **1.30** The Inbetweeners **2.35** The IT Crowd **3.30** Rude Tube Christmas Cracker 2014 **4.25** Revenge

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 Kirstie's Vintage Gems **9.25** Jamie's Money Saving Meals **9.50** FILM: Oliver Twist (1948) (U) **12.10** FILM: Pride and Prejudice (2005) (U) **2.35** Four in a Bed **5.15** Come Dine with Me **8.00** Very British Problems at Christmas **9.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Christmas Special **10.05** Sarah Millican Home Bird Live **11.10** It Was Alright in the 1960s **12.15** Channel 4 Comedy Gala 2015: Best Bits **1.05** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **2.05** Shipping Wars **3.30** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 Kiki's Delivery Service (1989) (PG) **1.15** Arthur Christmas (2011) (U) **3.15** Rio (2011) (U) **5.05** The Spy Next Door (2010) (PG) **6.55** Tower Heist (2011) (12) **9.00** Iron Man 2 (2010) (12) **11.25** Sexy Beast (2000) (18) **1.10** Under the Skin (2013) (15) **3.25** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
6.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green **8.00** Red Bull X-Fighters **9.00** Red Bull Soapbox Race **10.00** The Indestructibles **11.00** Traffic Cops **12.20** Top Gear **1.20** Top Gear Patagonia Special **4.00** Red Bull Soapbox Race 2015: London **6.00** Red Bull Soapbox Race **7.00** Top Gear USA Special **8.00** Dynamo: Magician Impossible **9.00** Room 101 **11.00** Gavin & Stacey Christmas Special **12.20** Alan Davies: Xmas Untitled **1.20** Mock the Week **2.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats **2.50** QI XL **3.45** Carpool **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 The Flash **8.00** Treasure Island **10.00** Soccer AM **12.00** Futurama **2.00** Terry Pratchett's Hogfather **4.00** Star Wars: Greatest Moments **6.00** The Simpsons **9.00** Karl Pilkington: The Moaning of Life **10.00** FILM: Bad Boys (1995) (18) **12.20** Karl Pilkington: The Moaning of Life **1.20** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **2.20** Road Wars **4.10** The Flash

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 Seinfeld **8.00** Micro Monsters with David Attenborough **10.30** Making of David Attenborough's Kingdom of Plants **11.30** David Attenborough's Kingdom of Plants **2.30** The Making of David Attenborough's Natural History Museum Alive **3.30** David Attenborough's Natural History Museum Alive **5.00** David Attenborough's Conquest of the Skies **9.00** Game of Thrones **1.55** The Brink **3.30** Without a Trace **4.20** The British

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Sunday December 27th

BBC1

Miranda Hart – My What I Call Live Show, **11pm**

6.00 Breakfast (S) **7.40 Match of the Day** (S)(R) **9.15 FILM Flushed Away (2006) (U)** (S) **10.35 FILM Megamind (2010) (PG)** (S) **12.00 Bargain Hunt** (S) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.15 Songs of Praise** (S) **1.50 FILM Mary Poppins (1964) (U)** Disney musical fantasy, with Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke. (S) **4.05 FILM Oz the Great and Powerful (2013) (PG)** Premiere. Fantasy adventure, starring James Franco. (S) **6.05 BBC News** (S) **6.20 BBC Regional News; Weather** (S) **6.30 Countryfile Compilation: The Farming Year** A look back at 2015's rural developments. (S)

7.30 **Dickensian** Bucket sets off in pursuit of Bill Sikes. (S)

8.00 **Still Open All Hours** Mrs Featherstone has romance in mind. (S)
8.30 **Dickensian** An unexpected guest attends the Havishams' New Year party. (S)

9.00 **And Then There Were None** The death toll on Soldier Island continues to rise. The surviving guests make plans to end the killings, but as they do, the dreadful secrets they are hiding are brought to light. (S)

10.00 **BBC News** (S)
10.15 **BBC Regional News; Weather** (S)
10.25 **Catherine Tate's Nan** The first of two specials featuring the foul-mouthed pensioner. (S)

11.00 **Miranda Hart – My What I Call Live Show** A filmed performance of stand-up comedy, sketches, songs and dance, from the comedian's nationwide tour. (S)

12.00 FILM Ghost Town (2008) (12) Comedy, starring Ricky Gervais. (S) **1.35** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.40** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Dragons' Den, **8pm**

6.20 Big Dreams Small Spaces (S)(R) **7.20 Countryfile: Cornish Coastal Christmas** (S)(R) **8.15 FILM A Man for All Seasons (1966) (U)** (S) **10.15 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** (S) **11.45 The Hairy Bikers and Lorraine Pascale: Cooking the Nation's Favourite Food** (S)(R) **12.45 The Secret Life of Mary Poppins: A Culture Show Special** (S)(R) **1.45 FILM The Cockleshell Heroes (1955) (U)** (S) **3.20 FILM The Heroes of Telemark (1965) (PG)** (S) **5.25 Porridge** (S)(R) **6.10 FILM Deep Impact (1998) (12)** Sci-fi drama, starring Robert Duvall. (S)

8.00 **Dragons' Den** The panel cast their eyes over another selection of business pitches, including a product designed to conceal grey hairs and a zombie boot camp. Presented by Evan Davis. (S)(R)

9.00 **Gorilla Family and Me** Part two of two. Gordon Buchanan returns to the Democratic Republic of Congo and revisits the gorilla family, only to find their lives are now under threat from poachers. (S)(R)

10.00 **U2: Innocence and Experience Live in Paris** Footage from various performances by the rock band in the French capital. (S)

12.15 FILM Telstar: The Joe Meek Story (2008) (15) (S) **2.10** Sign Zone: Countryfile: Cornish Coastal Christmas (S)(R) **3.05** Holby City (S)(R) **4.05** Cue the Queen: Celebrating the Christmas Speech (S)(R) **5.05** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

Premiership Rugby Union, **11.45pm**

6.00 CITV 8.25 Weekend at Christmas (S) **9.25 Countrywise** (S)(R) **9.55 Celebrity Squares** (S)(R) **10.40 FILM Superman (1978) (PG)** Comic-strip adventure, starring Christopher Reeve. (S) **1.30 ITV News;** Weather (S) **1.45 FILM Mr Magorium's Wonder Emporium (2007) (U)** (S) **3.35 Midsomer Murders** A rock band's reunion seems doomed. (S)(R) **5.30 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **5.45 ITV News** (S) **6.00 You've Been Framed! With Bells On** Camcorder clips with a festive theme. (S)(R) **6.30 Jekyll and Hyde** Robert goes into hiding, but a shapeshifting creature pursues him. (S)

7.30 **Jekyll and Hyde** A revived Dance launches an attack on MIO to complete his mission and resurrect Lord Trash, while Robert discovers that one of his friends has deceived him. Last in the series. (S)

8.30 **Harry Price: Ghost Hunter** Famous ghost hunter and sceptic Harry Price teams up with maid Sarah Grey to investigate the haunting of a local MP's home. Historical period drama, starring Rafe Spall. (S)

10.30 **ITV News;** Weather (S)
10.45 **Through the Christmas Keyhole** Keith Lemon has a festive rummage through the homes of three celebrities. Last in the series. (S)(R)

11.45 **Premiership Rugby Union** Highlights of the latest top-flight fixtures. (S)

12.35 Jackpot247 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA (S)(R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

Walking the Himalayas, **8pm**

6.05 FILM Flicka 2 (2010) (PG) Family drama, starring Tammin Sursok. (S) **7.40 FILM Paws (1997) (PG)** Family adventure, with the voice of Billy Connolly. (S) **9.20 Sunday Brunch** With guests Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall, Johnny Vegas and Kym Marsh. (S) **12.20 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **1.10 Channel 4 Racing** Live coverage from Chepstow and Kempton Park. (S) **3.35 FILM Hugo (2011) (U)** Family adventure, starring Asa Butterfield. (S) **5.55 Channel 4 News** (S) **6.00 Celebrity Fifteen to One Christmas Special** Adam Hills hosts a festive edition of the quiz. (S)(R)

7.00 **Million Pound Motors** Documentary following a vintage car salesman as he attempts to purchase a valuable collection of rare vehicles, while his apprentice struggles to secure his first sale. (S)

8.00 **Walking the Himalayas** New series. Explorer Levison Wood attempts to walk the entire length of the Himalayas. Beginning in Afghanistan, he will push himself to the limit as he treks 1,700 miles. (S)

9.00 **Homeland** Time is running out in the conclusion of the fifth series of the thriller following a team of CIA agents battling terrorists. Claire Danes stars. Last in the series. (S)

10.00 **8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Christmas Special** Jimmy Carr hosts a festive edition of the comedy panel quiz. (S)(R)

11.00 FILM The Inbetweeners 2 (2014) (15) Comedy sequel, starring Simon Bird and James Buckley. (S)

12.55 The Inbetweeners (S)(R) **1.25** The Inbetweeners (S)(R) **1.55** The Inbetweeners (S)(R) **2.20** The Inbetweeners (S)(R) **2.50 FILM That Touch of Mink (1962) (U)** (S) **4.30** Benchmark (S)

Channel 5

Most Shocking Celebrity Moments 2015, **9pm**

6.00 Milkshake! 10.15 Football League Tonight: Boxing Day Special Kelly Cates and George Riley present highlights from the Football League. (S)(R) **11.45 FILM Cromwell (1970) (U)** Historical drama, starring Richard Harris and Alec Guinness. (S) **2.25 FILM The Searchers (1956) (U)** John Ford's Western, starring John Wayne. (S) **4.45 FILM Escape to Victory (1981) (PG)** Allied PoWs take on the Nazis in a propagandist football match, but plan to escape during the game. Second World War adventure, starring Michael Caine, Sylvester Stallone, Max von Sydow and Daniel Massey. (S)

7.00 **World's Strongest Man 2015** Action from the opening heat of the competition. (S)
7.55 **5 News Weekend** (S)

8.00 **On Benefits: Cashing In for Christmas** Christmas for people living on state welfare, including a woman struggling to buy gifts for her eight children and two friends who rummage through shops' bins. (S)(R)

9.00 **Most Shocking Celebrity Moments 2015** Countdown of the biggest showbusiness stories and scandals of the year. (S)

11.55 **The Last Hours of Robin Williams** Forensic pathologist Dr Richard Shepherd investigates the death of actor and comedian Robin Williams. (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 The Hot Desk: Alesha Dixon **6.10** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **6.30** Emmerdale **9.45** Coronation Street **12.50** Catchphrase Celebrity Special **1.50** You've Been Framed: Top 100 Animals **2.50** FILM: Beethoven (1992) (U) **4.35** FILM: The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997) (PG) **7.05** FILM: Uncle Buck (1989) (12) **9.00** FILM: Bridget Jones's Diary (2001) (15) **11.00** FILM: Scary Movie V (2013) (15) **12.45** Release the Hounds **1.45** Pampered Pooches: Hollywood **2.35** The Almost Impossible Gameshow **3.25** Animal Practice **3.50** The Cube Olympic Gold Medallists Special

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 In Loving Memory **6.25** Fresh Fields **7.05** Rising Damp **7.30** Agatha Christie's Marple **9.40** FILM: On the Buses (1971) (PG) **11.25** FILM: Blue Murder at St Trinian's (1957) (PG) **1.15** FILM: The Pure Hell of St Trinian's (1960) (U) **3.10** FILM: Santa Claus: The Movie (1985) (U) **5.25** Rosemary & Thyme **6.25** Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs **7.30** The One and Only Cilla Black **8.30** Cilla's Surprise Surprise Unseen **9.40** It'll Be Alright on the Night **10.45** The Road to Coronation Street **12.20** FILM: Chaplin (1992) (15) **3.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.15** Emmerdale

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7
7.00 First Flight **7.10** FILM: Wallace & Gromit in The Curse of the Were-Rabbit (2005) (U) **8.30** FILM: Kung Fu Panda (2008) (PG) **9.50** Great Movie Mistakes III: Not in 3D **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** Family Guy **12.35** Russell Howard's Good News **1.05** Crims **4.00** Close

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 Blood and Gold: The Making of Spain with Simon Sebag Montefiore **8.00** Westminster Abbey **9.00** Gypsy: Live from the Savoy Theatre **11.20** Abba at the BBC **12.20** Agnetha: Abba & After **1.20** When Albums Ruled the World **2.50** Westminster Abbey **3.50** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Olive, the Other Reindeer **6.50** Little Wolf's Book of Badness **7.20** Famous Fred **7.50** Ivor the Invisible **8.20** Father Christmas **8.55** The Snowman **9.30** The Snowman and the Snowdog **10.00** Hollyoaks **12.30** FILM: Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (2011) (U) **2.35** The Big Bang Theory **3.00** The Big Bang Theory: Big Bang A to Z – M is for... Magic **3.30** The Big Bang Theory: Big Bang A to Z – N is for... Nose **4.00** The Big Bang Theory: Big Bang A to Z – O is for... Ornithophobia **4.30** The Big Bang Theory: Big Bang A to Z – P is for... Prom **5.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn – Part 2 (2012) (12) **11.20** Tattoo Fixers **12.25** Rude Tube Christmas Cracker **1.30** Rude Tube Christmas Cracker 2014 **2.30** The IT Crowd **3.25** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 Kirstie's Vintage Gems **9.25** Jamie's Comfort Food **9.55** FILM: The African Queen (1951) (PG) **12.05** FILM: The Legend of Zorro (2005) (PG) **2.40** Four in a Bed **5.15** Come Dine with Me **7.55** Snowstorm: Britain's Big Freeze **9.00** The World's Weirdest Weather **10.00** The Floods That Foiled New Year: Caught on Camera **11.05** It Was Alright in the 1970s **12.10** Channel 4 Comedy Gala 2015: Best Bits **1.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **2.05** Shipping Wars

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 My Neighbour Totoro (2004) (U) **12.50** Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) (U) **2.40** Catch That Kid (2004) (PG) **4.35** Millions (2004) (12) **6.25** Beautiful Creatures (2013) (12) **9.00** Four Christmases (2008) (12) **10.40** Lovelace (2013) (18) **12.30** Bronson (2008) (18) **2.15** The Texas Chain Saw Massacre (1974) (18) **4.00** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
6.00 Home Shopping **7.10** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green **8.00** Red Bull X-Fighters **9.00** Red Bull Soapbox Race 2015: London **11.00** Storage Hunters UK **12.00** Storage Hunters **4.00** Storage Hunters UK **4.30** FILM: The Hunt for Red October (1990) (PG) **7.00** QI XL **8.00** Gavin & Stacey Christmas Special **9.20** Not Going Out Christmas Special **10.20** Blackadder's Christmas Carol **11.20** QI **1.20** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **2.20** Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You **3.10** 8 Out of 10 Cats **3.35** Lizard Lick Towing

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Are You Smarter Than a 10 Year Old? **8.00** Treasure Island **10.00** Wild Things **11.00** WWE: Raw **12.00** Modern Family **2.00** Terry Pratchett's Hogfather **4.00** The Simpsons **5.00** The Muppets **5.30** The Simpsons **6.00** Fungus the Bogeyman **7.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Football's Funniest Moments **9.00** Hawaii Five-0 **10.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **11.00** The Force: Manchester **1.00** Live NFL **4.30** Road Wars **5.00** UK Border Force

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 Seinfeld **9.00** Micro Monsters with David Attenborough **9.30** David Attenborough's Natural History Museum Alive **11.00** Blue Bloods **4.00** Without a Trace **8.00** David Attenborough's Galapagos **9.00** Game of Thrones **12.45** The Affair **3.05** Without a Trace **4.05** The British

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DAYTIME

BBC1

And Then There Were None, 9.05pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.00** FILM **Bee Movie (2007) (U)** (S) **10.20 Old Jack's Boat Special: Storm in a Teacup** (S) **11.00** FILM **Bolt (2008) (PG)** (S) **12.30 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **1.10 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.25 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **1.30 Father Brown** (S)(R) **2.20** FILM **Cool Runnings (1993) (PG)** Fact-based sporting comedy, starring John Candy. (S) **3.55 The Gruffalo** (S)(R) **4.25** FILM **Madagascar (2005) (U)** Animated comedy, with the voice of Ben Stiller. (S) **5.45 Pointless** (S)(R) **6.30 BBC News;** Weather (S) **6.45 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S)

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7.00 Celebrity Mastermind With Tom Kerridge, Steph Houghton, Rob Delaney and Dominic Wood. (S)
7.30 Wallace & Gromit: A Matter of Loaf and Death The duo open their own bakery. (S)(R)

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8.00 EastEnders Dean's drunken behaviour spirals out of control. (S)
8.30 Miranda The shopkeeper makes a final attempt to find happiness. (S)(R)

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9.05 And Then There Were None The remaining guests must turn to one another for comfort and protection as the likelihood of survival rapidly diminishes, but trust is in short supply. Last in the series. (S)

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10.05 BBC News (S)
10.20 BBC Regional News and Weather (S)
10.30 Match of the Day Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League fixtures. (S)

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12.00 Lewis Hamilton: Making History – F1 2015 Review (S)(R) **1.00** Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **1.05** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Two Doors Down, 10.50pm

6.15 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) **7.15 Escape to the Continent** (S)(R) **7.45 Sign Zone: This Wild Life** (S)(R) **8.45** FILM **Ivanhoe (1952) (U)** (S) **10.30 The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure** (S)(R) **11.30 The Great Pottery Throw Down** (S)(R) **12.30 Les Dawson Talking Comedy** (S)(R) **1.00 The Bear Family and Me** (S)(R) **2.00 Coast** (S)(R) **3.00 Atlantic: The Wildest Ocean on Earth** (S)(R) **4.00 Flog It!** (S)(R) **4.30 Final Score** (S) **5.30 The Clare Balding Show** (S) **6.00** FILM **What Women Want (2000) (12)** Romantic comedy, starring Mel Gibson and Helen Hunt. (S)

8.00 Christmas University Challenge Aberdeen takes on Sheffield. (S)
8.30 Only Connect The Wayfarers take on the Bookworms in the last quarter-final. (S)

9.00 FILM **Behind the Candelabra (2013) (15)** Premiere. Biopic of pianist Liberace, following his secret five-year relationship with a younger man. Directed by Steven Soderbergh and starring Michael Douglas. (S)

10.50 Two Doors Down A Scottish couple face a chaotic time as they host a New Year's Eve party for their friends. One-off comedy, starring Arabella Weir, Alex Norton, Daniela Nardini and Doon Mackichan. (S)(R)

11.50 Dragons' Den The panel cast their eyes over another selection of business pitches, including a product designed to conceal grey hairs and a zombie boot camp. Presented by Evan Davis. (S)(R)

12.50 Sign Zone: The Apprentice (S)(R) **2.50** Doctor Who (S)(R) **3.50** This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

Hedgehog Hotel, 5.30pm

6.00 CITV 9.25 Dickinson's Real Deal (S)(R) **10.30 Judge Rinder** (S)(R) **11.30 Who's Doing the Dishes?** (S)(R) **12.30 Catchphrase** (S)(R) **1.15 ITV Lunchtime News;** Weather (S) **1.20 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **1.30 Our Cilla** (S)(R) **2.30 Surprise Surprise** Holly Willoughby arranges seasonal surprises for deserving members of the public. (S)(R) **3.30 Midsomer Murders** Barnaby investigates reports of a headless horseman. (S)(R) **5.30 Hedgehog Hotel** An insight into the lives of hedgehogs. (S) **6.25 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.45 ITV Evening News;** Weather (S)

7.00 Emmerdale Zak tries to undo the damage he has caused. (S)
7.30 Coronation Street Johnny receives an email that leaves him reeling. (S)

8.00 Countrywise Liz Bonnin takes part in the National Trust's biggest coastal wildlife survey. Last in the series. (S)
8.30 Coronation Street Carla is stunned by a revelation from Johnny. (S)

9.00 John Bishop's Gorilla Adventure The comedian leaves the relative comfort of the stage behind to observe mountain gorillas in the forests of Rwanda, and learns about the work necessary to protect the species. (S)

10.00 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.14 ITV Regional Weather (S)
10.15 FILM **The Holiday (2006) (12)** Romantic comedy, with Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet, Jack Black and Jude Law. (S)

11.50 Dragons' Den The panel cast their eyes over another selection of business pitches, including a product designed to conceal grey hairs and a zombie boot camp. Presented by Evan Davis. (S)(R)

12.45 Jackpot247 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R) **3.55** ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

Gogglebox, 9pm

6.10 Small Animal Hospital (S) **6.50** FILM **See Spot Run (2001) (PG)** Comedy, starring David Arquette. (S) **8.35 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **10.05** FILM **Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (2011) (PG)** (S) **11.50 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **1.15** FILM **Marmaduke (2010) (U)** (S) **2.55** FILM **Stuart Little 2 (2002) (U)** Premiere. Family adventure sequel, with the voice of Michael J Fox. (S) **4.25** FILM **Mirror Mirror (2012) (PG)** Fantasy, starring Julia Roberts and Lily Collins. (S) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S) **6.35 Hollyoaks** Peri is suspicious about her uncle's whereabouts. (S)

7.05 A Frozen Christmas Documentary going behind the scenes of the luxury ice-sculpting business. (S)

8.00 The World's Most Expensive Food The luxury food suppliers who cater to the super-rich. (S)

9.00 Gogglebox 2015 Highlights of the past year on Gogglebox, revisiting comments from armchair critics including Leon and June, Steph and Dom, Christopher and Stephen, and Sandy and Sandra. (S)

10.35 Tattoo Fixers New series. Return of the programme in which tattoo artists try to fix inked catastrophes, beginning with a man who wants to disguise the tattoo he got to win an argument. (S)

11.40 David Blaine: Real or Magic The illusionist performs mind-boggling tricks for a host of celebrities. (S)(R)

12.50 FILM **The Omen (1976) (15)** (S) **2.45** FILM **The China Syndrome (1979) (PG)** Thriller, starring Michael Douglas and Jane Fonda. (S) **4.45** Benchmark (S) **5.35** Gadget Man (S)(R)

Channel 5

World's Strongest Man 2015, 6.55pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.50 World's Strongest Man 2015 (S)(R) **10.50** FILM **An American in Paris (1951) (U)** Romantic musical, starring Gene Kelly and Leslie Caron. (S) **1.00** FILM **Anchors Aweigh (1945) (U)** Musical, starring Frank Sinatra and Gene Kelly. (S) **3.55** FILM **High Society (1956) (U)** Musical romantic comedy, with Bing Crosby and Grace Kelly. (S) **6.00 Loch Lomond: A Year in the Wild** The impact of the seasons on wildlife in the national park, beginning with spring. (S)(R) **6.55 World's Strongest Man 2015** Action from the second heat of the competition. (S)

7.50 5 News Tonight

8.00 Building the Ice Hotel The work of builders constructing Icehotel, a sophisticated structure built every year since 1990 in the village of Jukkasjarvi – more than 120 miles inside the Arctic Circle; (S)(R) 5 News Update (S)

9.00 The Frank Sinatra Story Profile of the singer and actor, from a uniquely British perspective, charting his career across seven decades from young singer in Hoboken, New Jersey, to international stardom. (S)

10.00 Frank Sinatra Live in New York A 1974 show at Madison Square Garden in which the singer performs classics including All the Way, The Lady Is a Tramp, I've Got You Under My Skin, My Kind of Town and My Way. (S)

11.00 Frank Sinatra & Gene Kelly: Ol' Blues Eyes Is Back A TV special from 1973. (S)(R)
11.35 Happy Holidays with Frank Sinatra and Bing Crosby (S)(R)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 The Hot Desk: Fleur East **6.10** Emmerdale **7.00** Coronation Street **8.00** Britain's Got More Talent: Alesha's Top Ten Moments **9.00** The Almost Impossible Gameshow **10.00** FILM: Arthur and the Great Adventure (2009) (PG) **12.10** FILM: Beethoven's 2nd (1993) (U) **2.00** FILM: The Flintstones (1994) (U) **3.45** The Nation's Favourite Disney Song **4.45** Catchphrase Celebrity Couples Special **5.45** FILM: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) (12) **9.00** FILM: Casino Royale (2006) (12) James Bond spy thriller, starring Daniel Craig. **11.55** Celebrity Juice: Bestest Bits 2015 Part 1 **1.00** Release the Hounds: Famous and Freaked **2.00** Release the Hounds **2.50** Reality Bites **3.25** Animal Practice **3.50** The Almost Impossible Gameshow **4.40** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records: Bonkingly Big Hits **5.30** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **5.50** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 George and Mildred **6.25** Wycliffe **7.20** Heidi **11.30** Inspector Morse **1.40** Agatha Christie's Sparkling Cyanide **3.40** FILM: Forever Young (1992) (PG) **5.40** Inspector Morse **8.00** Foyle's War **10.00** Endeavour **12.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **2.05** Inspector Morse **3.55** A Touch of Frost **5.40** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7
7.00 The Borrowers **8.30** FILM: Kung Fu Panda 2 (2011) (PG) **9.50** Great Movie Mistakes III: Not in 3D **10.00** EastEnders **10.30** Bad Education **11.00** American Dad! **11.45** Family Guy **12.30** Killer Magic **3.30** Bad Education **4.00** Close

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 Doctor Who **8.00** Royal Institution Christmas Lectures 2015 **9.00** Michael Palin's Quest for Artemisia **10.00** Sammy Davis Jr: The Kid in the Middle **11.00** FILM: Papillon (1973) (15) Fact-based prison drama, starring Steve McQueen. **1.25** Prehistoric Autopsy **2.25** Michael Palin's Quest for Artemisia **3.25** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Rude(ish) Tube **6.45** Charmed **8.30** Hollyoaks **9.35** Bad(ish) Robots **10.00** Troy **10.35** Rude(ish) Tube **11.00** Charmed **1.00** How I Met Your Mother **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **3.00** The Big Bang Theory: Big Bang A to Z – Q is for... Quizzing **3.30** The Big Bang Theory: Big Bang A to Z – R is for... Rock, Paper, Scissors, Lizard, Spock **4.00** The Big Bang Theory: Big Bang A to Z – S is for... Soft Kitty **4.30** The Big Bang Theory: Big Bang A to Z – T is for... Tiara **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** FILM: Toy Story OF TERROR! (2013) (U) **8.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Made in Chelsea: New Year **10.00** Scream Queens **11.00** The Big Bang Theory **12.00** Rude Tube: Welcome to 2013 **2.05** Made in Chelsea: New Year **3.00** Scream Queens **3.45** The Cleveland Show **4.05** Rude(ish) Tube

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 Time Team **10.00** River Cottage Bites **10.15** FILM: Planet of the Apes (1968) (PG) **12.25** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **1.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **2.35** Four in a Bed **5.15** Come Dine with Me **7.55** The World's Most Famous Train **9.00** Inside Jaguar: Making a Million Pound Car **10.00** Million Pound Mega Yachts **11.05** It Was Alright in the 1970s **12.15** Channel 4 Comedy Gala 2015: Best Bits **1.20** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **2.20** Shipping Wars **3.40** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 Spirited Away (2001) (PG) **1.25** Dr Seuss' The Lorax (2012) (U) **3.05** The Muppet Christmas Carol (1992) (U) **4.45** Tooth Fairy (2010) (PG) **6.55** Rise of the Planet of the Apes (2011) (12) **9.00** Ted (2012) (15) **11.05** Machete Kills (2013) (15) Action thriller sequel, starring Danny Trejo. **1.15** Terminator 2: Judgment Day (1991) (15) **4.00** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
6.00 Home Shopping **7.00** Rocket City Rednecks **7.20** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green **8.10** Storage Hunters UK **10.00** Ice Road Truckers **12.00** Storage Hunters UK **4.00** Ice Road Truckers **6.00** QI **8.00** Blackadder's Christmas Carol **9.00** Blackadder Back and Forth **9.45** Have I Got a Bit More News for You **10.45** QI XL **11.45** Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You **12.45** 8 Out of 10 Cats **3.20** Only Connect **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 The Flash **8.00** Futurama **10.00** Modern Family **12.00** Futurama **12.30** Fungus the Bogeyman **2.00** Terry Pratchett's The Colour of Magic **4.00** The Simpsons **4.30** Modern Family **6.30** Fungus the Bogeyman **8.00** Big Cats: An Amazing Animal Family **9.00** FILM: SWAT (2003) (12) **11.00** A League of Their Own **12.00** Strike Back: Legacy **2.00** The Last Ship **3.00** Road Wars **4.00** The Flash

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 Seinfeld **9.00** Blue Bloods **3.00** Without a Trace **8.00** David Attenborough's Galapagos **9.00** Game of Thrones **12.40** Ballers **3.30** Blue Bloods **4.20** The British **5.10** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets

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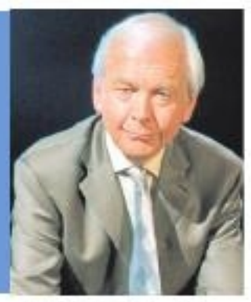

6.00 Breakfast (S) **7.30 Match of the Day** (S)(R) **9.00 FILM Shark Tale (2004) (U)** (S) **10.20 FILM Cars 2 (2011) (U)** (S) **12.00 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **12.45 BBC News;** Weather (S) **1.00 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **1.10 Father Brown** (S)(R) **2.00 FILM National Treasure (2004) (PG)** Action adventure, starring Nicolas Cage. (S) **4.00 The Gruffalo's Child** (S)(R) **4.25 FILM Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (2008) (PG)** Animated comedy sequel, with the voice of Ben Stiller. (S) **5.45 Pointless** (S)(R) **6.30 BBC News;** Weather (S) **6.45 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S)

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7.00 Celebrity Mastermind With Vincent Franklin, Christian Malcolm, Chris Warburton and Graham Fellowes. (S)
7.30 EastEnders Shirley is left horrified when she finds Dean attacking Roxy. (S)

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8.00 Holby City Serena has resigned herself to another lonely New Year's Eve, but fate has other ideas, and Ric Griffin returns, but struggles to find his place in the hospital. (S)

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9.00 David Beckham: For the Love of the Game Cameras follow David Beckham as he attempts to play a football match on all seven continents in under 10 days. (S)

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10.15 BBC News (S)
10.30 BBC Regional News and Weather; (S) National Lottery Update (S)
10.40 Peter Kay's Car Share Kayleigh has exciting news about the previous night's events. (S)(R)

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11.10 Mrs Brown's Boys Agnes vows to make her nativity play unforgettable. (S)(R)
11.40 Boomers The couples have an uncomfortable train journey on Christmas Eve. (S)(R)

AFTER 12

12.10 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **12.15** BBC News (S)

BBC2

6.15 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) **7.15 Escape to the Continent** (S)(R) **7.45 Sign Zone: This Wild Life** (S)(R) **8.15 Sign Zone: An Island Parish: Falklands** (S)(R) **8.45 FILM Show Boat (1951) (U)** (S) **10.30 The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure** (S)(R) **11.30 The Great Pottery Throw Down** (S)(R) **12.30 Peter Sellers Talking Comedy** (S)(R) **1.00 The Bear Family and Me** (S)(R) **2.00 Coast** (S)(R) **3.00 Atlantic: The Wildest Ocean on Earth** (S)(R) **4.00 Flog It!** (S)(R) **4.55 Super-Powered Owls: Natural World** (S)(R) **5.55 FILM Finding Neverland (2004) (PG)** (S)

7.30 Christmas University Challenge The University of Durham v the London School of Economics. (S)

8.00 Gareth Malone's Great Choir Reunion Gareth Malone tracks down members from all the choirs who have participated in the series to bring them together for a reunion. (S)

9.00 A Life on Screen – Stephen Fry In this documentary, Stephen Fry tells the story behind his success, with contributions from Michael Sheen, Hugh Laurie and Alan Davies. (S)

10.00 QI With Sarah Millican, Tommy Tiernan and Josh Widdicombe. (S)
10.30 FILM Albert Nobbs (2011) (15) Drama, with Glenn Close and Mia Wasikowska. (S)

ITV

6.00 CITV 7.00 Good Morning Britain (S) **8.30 Lorraine** (S) **9.25 Dickinson's Real Deal** (S)(R) **10.30 Who's Doing the Dishes?** (S)(R) **11.30 Pick Me!** (S)(R) **12.30 ITV Lunchtime News;** Weather (S) **12.35 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **12.45 FILM Evan Almighty (2007) (PG)** Comedy sequel, starring Steve Carell. (S) **2.30 Midsomer Murders** A convicted murderer is suspected of a new killing. (S)(R) **4.30 FILM The Queen (2006) (12)** Oscar-winning biographical drama, starring Helen Mirren. (S) **6.30 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.45 ITV Evening News;** Weather (S)

7.00 Emmerdale Kerry is shocked by Cain's threat and takes matters into her own hands. (S)
7.30 FILM The Amazing Spider-Man (2012) (12) Comic-book adventure reboot, starring Andrew Garfield. (S)

10.10 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.24 ITV Regional Weather (S)
10.25 FILM American Pie (1999) (15) Comedy, starring Jason Biggs and Chris Klein. (S)

Channel 4

6.05 Small Animal Hospital (S) **6.45 FILM Dr Dolittle: Million Dollar Mutts (2009) (PG)** (S) **8.15 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **9.40 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **10.40 FILM Captain Ron (1992) (PG)** Comedy adventure, starring Kurt Russell. (S) **12.40 FILM New In Town (2009) (12)** (S) **2.30 FILM Coraline (2009) (PG)** Stop-motion animated fantasy, with the voice of Dakota Fanning. (S) **4.35 FILM Gulliver's Travels (2010) (PG)** Fantasy comedy, starring Jack Black. (S) **6.10 Channel 4 News** (S) **6.30 Hollyoaks** Lindsey stages a break-in at the Roscoes' house. (S)

7.00 Inside Lego at Christmas Cameras return to the Lego factory ahead of Christmas to discover how staff prepare for the festive season, which accounts for more than half of the firm's annual sales. (S)(R)

8.00 The Supervet at Christmas Festive edition of the documentary. A sleigh-pulling Alaskan malamute needs both knees replacing with implants, but his owners are forced to make a difficult decision. (S)(R)

9.00 8 Out of 10 Cats End of Year Special Host Jimmy Carr and team captains Jon Richardson and Sean Lock discuss and dissect the funniest stories that have made the headlines in 2015. (S)

10.00 The Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2015 The annual year-end quiz, hosted by Jimmy Carr. (S)(R)

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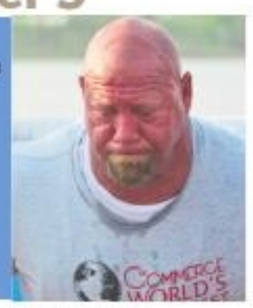

6.00 Milkshake! 9.05 World's Strongest Man 2015 (S)(R) **10.05 Football League Tonight** (S)(R) **11.35 Ice Road Truckers** (S)(R) **12.30 FILM Carry On Nurse (1959) (PG)** Comedy, starring Hattie Jacques. (S) **2.15 FILM The Dam Busters (1954) (U)** Fact-based Second World War drama, starring Michael Redgrave. (S) **4.40 What the Dambusters Did Next** Missions undertaken by 617 Squadron after the May 1943 raids on the Ruhr and Eder valleys. (S)(R) **6.10 Loch Lomond: A Year in the Wild** Summer developments at Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park. (S)(R)

7.00 World's Strongest Man 2015 Action from the third heat of the competition in Malaysia; (S) 5 News Update (S)

8.00 Help! I'm Snowtrapped Real-life stories of people who became trapped by snow, including a skier who was buried alive in Verbier, Switzerland, after triggering an avalanche; (S) (R) 5 News Update (S)

9.00 FILM Flowers in the Attic (2014) (12) Premiere. A widow persuades her children to go into hiding, resulting in them suffering abuse at the hands of their grandmother. Drama, starring Heather Graham. (S)

10.45 FILM Erin Brockovich (2000) (15) A single mother goes to work at a law firm and ends up taking on a company suspected of contaminating a small town's water supply. Fact-based drama, starring Julia Roberts. (S)

12.05 Jackpot247 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA (S)(R) **3.40** ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

12.05 FILM Kingdom of Heaven (2005) (15) (S) **2.30** Peep Show (S)(R) **2.55** Peep Show (S)(R) **3.25** Peep Show (S)(R) **3.50** Gadget Man (S)(R) **4.15** Benchmark (S) **5.05** Location, Location, Location (S)(R)

1.15 SuperCasino 3.10 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away! Christmas Special (S)(R) **4.00** Michaela's Wild Challenge (S)(R) **4.25** Divine Designs (S)(R) **4.45** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.10** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.35** House Doctor (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 The Hot Desk: Nick Jonas **6.10** The Cube Celebrity Special: McFly **6.55** Emmerdale **7.25** Coronation Street **8.20** Britain's Got More Talent: Amanda's Top Ten Moments **9.25** The Almost Impossible Gameshow **10.25** FILM: The Little Vampire (2000) (U) **12.20** Emmerdale **12.55** Coronation Street **1.55** Jeremy Kyle: DNA Bombshells **5.10** Catchphrase Celebrity Special **6.10** You've Been Framed: Top 100 Animals **7.15** FILM: Liar Liar (1997) (12) **9.00** FILM: The Shawshank Redemption (1994) (15) **11.55** Celebrity Juice: Bestest Bits 2015 Part 2 **1.00** Pampered Pooches: Hollywood **1.55** Release the Hounds **2.45** Viral Tap **3.20** Animal Practice **3.45** The Almost Impossible Gameshow **4.35** Educating Joey Essex: Football Fever **5.20** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 On the Buses **6.25** Judge Judy **6.45** Wycliffe **7.50** Inspector Morse **9.55** Agatha Christie's Sparkling Cyanide **11.55** Hidden Treasure **2.00** FILM: Carry On at Your Convenience (1971) (PG) **3.50** FILM: Carry On Camping (1969) (PG) **5.40** Inspector Morse **8.00** Foyle's War **10.00** Endeavour **12.00** Lewis **2.05** Inspector Morse **3.55** A Touch of Frost **5.40** ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7
7.00 Top Gear Africa Special – Part One **8.00** Don't Tell the Bride **10.00** EastEnders **10.30** Russell Howard's Good News **11.00** Family Guy **11.45** American Dad! **12.05** Family Guy **12.50** Top Coppers **3.45** Sunny D **4.00** Close

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 Doctor Who **7.50** Doctor Who: The Ultimate Guide **8.00** Royal Institution Christmas Lectures 2015 **9.00** Roy Orbison: One of the Lonely Ones **10.00** Roy Orbison & Friends: A Black and White Night **11.00** The Richest Songs in the World **12.30** Timeshift: Looking for Mr Bond: 007 at the BBC **1.30** Prehistoric Autopsy **2.30** Dinosaurs, Myths and Monsters **3.30** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Bad(ish) Robots **6.20** Troy **6.45** Charmed **8.35** Hollyoaks **9.05** Rude(ish) Tube **9.30** Bad(ish) Robots **10.00** Troy **10.30** Lost and Found **11.00** Charmed **1.00** How I Met Your Mother **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **3.00** The Big Bang Theory: Big Bang A to Z – U is for... Underpants **3.30** The Big Bang Theory: Big Bang A to Z – V is for... Valentines **4.00** The Big Bang Theory: Big Bang A to Z – W is for... Weddings **4.30** The Big Bang Theory: Access All Areas **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas **8.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Tattoo Fixers **10.00** Tripped **10.50** The Big Bang Theory **11.50** Gogglebox **2.00** How I Met Your Mother **2.45** Rules of Engagement **3.30** Gogglebox **4.25** Rude(ish) Tube

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 Time Team **10.00** Jamie's Comfort Food **10.35** FILM: An Elephant Called Slowly (1970) (U) **12.25** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **1.30** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **2.35** Four in a Bed **5.15** Come Dine with Me **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** Guy Martin: Last Flight of the Vulcan Bomber **10.35** Sarah Millican: Chatterbox Live **11.40** It Was Alright in the 1980s **12.45** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown Christmas Special **1.50** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **2.50** Shipping Wars **3.40** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 Stuart Little (1999) (U) **12.40** Stuart Little 2 (2002) (U) **2.20** Mr Popper's Penguins (2011) (PG) **4.20** ParaNorman (2012) (PG) **6.10** Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (2003) (12) **9.00** The Purge (2013) (15) **10.40** Mindscape (2013) (15) **12.35** WolfCop (2014) (15) **2.10** Piranha 3DD (2012) (18) **3.55** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
6.00 Home Shopping **7.00** Rocket City Rednecks **7.20** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green **8.10** Storage Hunters UK **10.00** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green **12.00** Storage Hunters UK **4.00** Ice Road Truckers **6.00** Top Gear **7.00** Storage Hunters UK **8.00** Storage Hunters UK: Celebrity Special **9.00** Dynamo: Magician Impossible **10.00** Greg Davies: Firing Cheeseballs at a Dog **11.20** QI **12.40** Would I Lie to You? At Christmas **1.20** Would I Lie to You? **2.00** Russell Howard's Good News **4.00** Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 The Flash **8.00** Futurama **9.00** Wild Things **10.00** Modern Family **12.00** Futurama **12.30** Fungus the Bogeyman **2.00** Terry Pratchett's The Colour of Magic **4.00** The Simpsons **4.30** Modern Family **6.30** Fungus the Bogeyman **7.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Modern Family **9.00** Karl Pilkington: The Moaning of Life **11.00** A League of Their Own **12.00** Strike Back: Legacy **2.00** The Last Ship **3.00** Road Wars **4.00** The Flash

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 Seinfeld **10.00** Blue Bloods **3.00** Without a Trace **8.00** David Attenborough's Galapagos **9.00** Game of Thrones **12.00** Ballers **3.00** Without a Trace **4.00** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets

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Wednesday December 30th

DAYTIME

BBC1

Antiques Roadshow, 8pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) 9.00 FILM The Princess and the Frog (2009) (U) (S) 10.30 FILM Chicken Run (2000) (U) (S) 11.50 Bargain Hunt (S)(R) 12.50 BBC News (S) 1.05 BBC Regional News and Weather (S) 1.10 Father Brown (S)(R) 2.00 FILM National Treasure: Book of Secrets (2007) (PG) Adventure sequel, starring Nicolas Cage. (S) 3.55 Room on the Broom (S)(R) 4.20 FILM Monsters, Inc (2001) (U) Pixar animated comedy, with the voices of John Goodman and Billy Crystal. (S) 5.45 Pointless (S)(R) 6.30 BBC News (S) 6.45 BBC Regional News Programmes (S)

7

7.00 **Celebrity Mastermind** With Liam Fox, Jon-Allan Butterworth, Nick Helm and Kimberley Nixon. (S)
7.30 **A Question of Sport: Festive Fun** (S)

8

8.00 **Antiques Roadshow** Fiona Bruce presents a Christmas special from Lyme Park in Cheshire. (S)

9

9.00 **Great Barrier Reef with David Attenborough** New series. Following his visit to the Great Barrier Reef in 1957, the broadcaster returns to unlock the secrets of the natural wonder. (S)

10

10.00 **BBC News** (S)
10.15 **BBC Regional News and Weather;** (S) National Lottery Update (S)
10.25 **Catherine Tate's Nan** (S)
10.55 **Mrs Brown's Boys Christmas Special** (S)(R)

11

11.35 **Comic Relief 2015: Thanks a Billion!** Lenny Henry revisits comedy highlights from this year's charity event. (S)(R)

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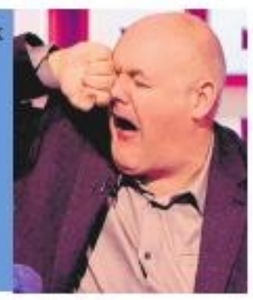
12.40 **BBC News** (S)

BBC2


Mock the Week Christmas Special, 11pm

6.20 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) 7.20 Sign Zone: This Wild Life (S)(R) 7.50 Sign Zone: Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip (S)(R) 8.20 FILM Waterloo (1970) (U) (S) 10.30 The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure (S)(R) 11.30 The Great Pottery Throw Down (S)(R) 12.30 The Two Ronnies Talking Comedy (S)(R) 1.00 The Bear Family and Me (S)(R) 2.00 Coast (S)(R) 3.00 Atlantic: The Wildest Ocean on Earth (S)(R) 4.00 Flog It! (S)(R) 4.50 Natural World: Attenborough's Fabulous Frogs (S)(R) 5.50 FILM Alice in Wonderland (2010) (PG) Fantasy, starring Mia Wasikowska. (S)

7.30 **Christmas University Challenge** The first of the semi-finals. (S)

8.00 **Top Gear: From A to Z** John Bishop narrates the second of two programmes celebrating the highlights of the Jeremy Clarkson, James May and Richard Hammond era, via an alphabetical list. (S)

9.00 **Charlie Brooker End of Year Wipe 2015** The broadcaster takes a satirical look back at the events of the past 12 months. (S)

10.00 **A Gert Lush Christmas** Comedian Russell Howard's debut comedy drama. (S)(R)

11.00 **Mock the Week Christmas Special** A festive edition featuring out-takes and unseen material. (S)(R)
11.30 **Backchat End of Year Show 2015** (S)(R)

12.15 FILM **The Shipping News (2001) (15)** Drama, starring Kevin Spacey. (S) 2.00 FILM **Sign Zone: Behind the Candelabra (2013) (15)** Biopic of Liberace, starring Michael Douglas. (S) 3.55 This Is BBC Two (S)

ITV

Big Star's Little Star, 8pm

6.00 CITV 7.00 Good Morning Britain (S) 8.30 Lorraine (S) 9.25 Dickinson's Real Deal (S)(R) 10.30 Judge Rinder (S)(R) 11.30 Who's Doing the Dishes? (S)(R) 12.30 FILM Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (1971) (U) (S) 2.20 ITV Lunchtime News; Weather (S) 2.25 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 2.35 Midsomer Murders (S)(R) 4.30 Dinosaur Britain (S)(R) 5.30 Paul O'Grady: For the Love of Dogs at Christmas The broadcaster spreads festive cheer at Battersea Dogs & Cats Home in London. (S)(R) 6.30 ITV Regional News; Weather (S) 6.45 ITV Evening News; Weather (S)

7.00 **Emmerdale** Evidence emerges that Ross was involved in the shooting. (S)
7.30 **Coronation Street** Tyrone dips into the garage's petty cash to pay off his loan. (S)

8.00 **Big Star's Little Star** Festive edition of the entertainment show, in which children spill the beans about their famous relatives. With Fiona O'Carroll, Robbie Fowler and Michael Vaughan. (S)

9.00 **All New It'll Be Alright on the Night** Griff Rhys Jones presents a compilation of out-takes from the world of film and TV. (S)

10.00 **ITV News;** Weather (S)
10.14 **ITV Regional Weather** (S)
10.15 FILM **American Pie 2 (2001) (15)** Comedy sequel, with Jason Biggs and Chris Klein. (S)

12.10 **Jackpot247** 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA (S)(R) 3.40 ITV Nightscreen 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4

Chalet Girl, 12.40pm

6.00 Everybody Loves Raymond (S)(R) 6.25 Small Animal Hospital (S) 7.10 FILM The Love Bug (1968) (U) (S) 9.15 The Big Bang Theory (S)(R) 10.10 The Simpsons (S)(R) 10.40 FILM The Phantom (1996) (12) (S) 12.40 FILM Chalet Girl (2011) (12) (S) 2.35 FILM Freaky Friday (2003) (PG) Disney comedy remake, starring Jamie Lee Curtis and Lindsay Lohan. (S) 4.35 FILM Sunshine on Leith (2013) (PG) Premiere. Musical, starring George MacKay and Kevin Guthrie. (S) 6.20 Channel 4 News (S) 6.30 Hollyoaks Alfie wants to prove Tony is his dad. (S)

7.00 **Gogglesprogs** The nation's children share their opinions on the best and worst of 2015's TV, from the cakes on The Great British Bake off, to big news stories like the general election. (S)(R)

8.00 **What Britain Bought in 2015** Retail consultant Mary Portas looks back on how consumers shopped during the year and what the weekly £6billion shopping habit says about the nation. (S)

9.00 **24 Hours in A&E** An 84-year-old woman is referred to St Georges for urgent treatment for dangerously high potassium levels, while a 74-year-old man is brought in after suffering a suspected stroke. (S)

10.00 **The Millionaire Party Planner** Following Liz Taylor and her team as they strive to create the best parties on the planet, including the Marina Dalglish charity ball and an exclusive 40th birthday party. (S)

11.05 FILM **Fast & Furious 5 (2011) (12)** Action adventure, starring Vin Diesel and Dwayne Johnson. (S)

1.30 **Rude Tube** (S) 2.25 Friday Night Dinner (S)(R) 2.55 Friday Night Dinner (S)(R) 3.20 Friday Night Dinner (S)(R) 3.50 Gadget Man (S)(R) 4.15 Benchmark (S) 5.10 Deal or No Deal (S)(R) 5.55 Small Animal Hospital (S)

Channel 5

Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Snow, 8pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.25 World's Strongest Man 2015 (S)(R) 10.25 FILM Carry On Constable (1960) (U) Comedy, starring Sid James. (S) 12.10 FILM Carry On Spying (1964) (U) Comedy, starring Kenneth Williams. (S) 1.55 FILM Annie Get Your Gun (1950) (U) Premiere. Musical Western, starring Betty Hutton. (S) 4.05 FILM Calamity Jane (1953) (U) Musical comedy Western, starring Doris Day and Howard Keel. (S) 6.10 Loch Lomond: A Year in the Wild Cameras document autumn events at Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park. (S)(R)

7.00 **World's Strongest Man 2015** Action from the fourth heat of the competition in Malaysia; (S) 5 News Update (S)

8.00 **Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Snow** Ben meets a 40-year-old British woman who gave up her old life as a communications manager to train huskies inside the Arctic Circle. Last in the series; (S)(R) 5 News Update (S)

9.00 FILM **Stephen King's Big Driver (2014) (15)** Premiere. A mystery writer plots revenge against the serial killer who attacked her and left her for dead. Thriller, starring Maria Bello. (S)

10.50 FILM **Stephen King's Needful Things (1993) (15)** The people of a small town find their hearts' desires in an antique dealer's shop, but pay a sinister price. Horror, based on Stephen King's novel, with Ed Harris. (S)

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ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 The Hot Desk: Ella Henderson 6.10 You've Been Framed! With Bells On 6.35 The Cube 7.25 Emmerdale 7.50 Britain's Got More Talent: Simon's Top Ten Moments 8.50 The Almost Impossible Gameshow 9.55 FILM: Horrid Henry: The Movie (2011) (U) 11.50 You've Been Framed! Top 100 Kids 12.50 Emmerdale 1.20 Jeremy Kyle: DNA Bombshells 4.40 Catchphrase Celebrity Special 5.45 FILM: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012) (12) 9.00 Luke Kempner's Impression of 2015 10.00 Celebrity Juice: Bestest of the Unseenest Bits 11.00 FILM: Scary Movie V (2013) (15) 12.45 Luke Kempner's Impression of 2015 1.45 Release the Hounds 2.40 Viral Tap 3.15 Animal Practice 3.35 Educating Joey Essex: Reem Halloween 4.25 Educating Joey Essex: Supermodel Student 5.15 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 Movies Now 6.10 FILM: Swallows and Amazons (1974) (U) 7.50 Rising Damp 8.25 A Christmas Carol 9.55 FILM: Carry On Loving (1970) (PG) 11.50 Agatha Christie's Marple 1.55 FILM: Carry On Cleo (1964) (PG) 3.50 FILM: Carry On Cruising (1962) (U) 5.40 Inspector Morse 8.00 Doc Martin 10.00 Endeavour 12.05 FILM: Chaplin (1992) (15) 2.45 A Christmas Carol 4.05 Wycliffe 5.00 In Loving Memory 5.25 On the Buses 5.50 ITV3 Nightscreen

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7
7.00 Top Gear Africa Special – Part Two 8.00 FILM: Toy Story (1995) (PG) 9.15 FILM: Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time (2010) (12) 11.05 Family Guy 11.50 American Dad! 12.30 Russell Howard's Good News 1.00 Him & Her 4.00 Close

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 Canals – The Making of a Nation 7.30 Tomorrow's World Christmas 1975 8.00 Royal Institution Christmas Lectures 2015 9.00 The Real Star of Bethlehem: A Sky at Night Christmas Special 10.00 FILM: Vertigo (1958) (PG) 12.05 Premium Bond with Mark Gatiss and Matthew Sweet 1.00 The Real Star of Bethlehem: A Sky at Night Christmas Special 2.00 Prehistoric Autopsy 3.00 Natural World 3.50 Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Bad(ish) Robots 6.20 Troy 6.45 Charmed 8.30 Hollyoaks 9.00 Rude(ish) Tube 9.30 Bad(ish) Robots 10.00 Troy 10.30 Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas 11.00 Charmed 1.00 How I Met Your Mother 2.00 The Big Bang Theory 3.00 The Big Bang Theory: Big Bang A to Z – X is for... Chromosome 3.30 The Big Bang Theory: Big Bang A to Z – Y is for... Yelling 4.00 The Big Bang Theory: Big Bang A to Z – Z is for... Zazzles the Cat 4.30 The Big Bang Theory: It All Started with a Big Bang 5.00 How I Met Your Mother 6.00 The Big Bang Theory 7.00 Hollyoaks 8.00 FILM: Johnny English Reborn (2011) (PG) 10.05 Supernatural 12.00 The Big Bang Theory 1.00 Gogglebox 2.00 Supernatural

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 Time Team 10.00 Jamie's Comfort Food 10.30 FILM: Sink the Bismarck! (1960) (U) 12.25 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away 1.30 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun 2.35 Four in a Bed 5.15 Come Dine with Me 8.00 FILM: Robin Hood (2010) (12) 10.45 It Was Alright in the 1990s 11.50 Father Ted 12.55 More Sex Please, We're British 2.00 Shipping Wars 3.45 Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 Ponyo (2008) (U) 1.10 White Christmas (1954) (U) 3.30 Percy Jackson & the Lightning Thief (2010) (PG) 5.50 Avatar (2009) (12) 9.00 2 Guns (2013) (15) 11.10 Sleepy Hollow (1999) (15) 1.20 The Fighter (2010) (15) 3.40 Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
6.00 Home Shopping 7.00 Rocket City Rednecks 7.20 Extreme Fishing with Robson Green 8.10 Storage Hunters UK 10.00 Red Bull Soapbox Race 12.00 Storage Hunters UK 3.00 Storage Hunters UK: Celebrity Special 4.00 Top Gear 6.00 Storage Hunters 6.30 Storage Hunters UK 7.00 Storage Hunters UK: Celebrity Special 8.00 QI 9.20 Would I Lie to You? At Christmas 10.00 Would I Lie to You? 10.40 Russell Howard's Good News 12.40 Mock the Week New Year's Eve Special 1.20 Mock the Week 2.40 8 Out of 10 Cats 3.15 Live at the Electric 4.00 Home Shopping

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 The Flash 8.00 Futurama 9.00 Wild Things 10.00 Modern Family 12.00 Futurama 1.00 Fungus the Bogeyman 2.00 Terry Pratchett's Going Postal 4.00 The Simpsons 4.30 Modern Family 6.30 The Simpsons 8.00 Modern Family 9.00 Agatha Raisin and the Quiche of Death 11.00 A League of Their Own 12.00 Strike Back: Legacy 2.00 The Last Ship 3.00 Road Wars 4.00 The Flash

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 Seinfeld 9.00 Blue Bloods 2.00 Without a Trace 8.00 David Attenborough's Kingdom of Plants 9.00 Game of Thrones 12.10 Game of Thrones: Greatest Moments 2.10 Common Ground: Floyd 2.25 Common Ground: Patricia 2.40 Common Ground: Eleanor 2.55 Common Ground: Sunshine Simon 3.10 Common Ground: Rupert 3.25 Common Ground: Fergus & Crispin 3.40 Common Ground: Colin

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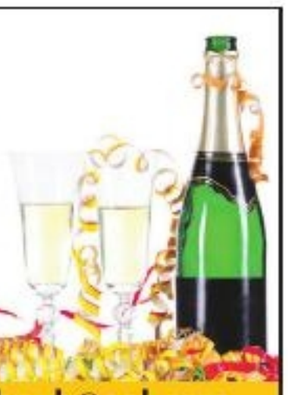

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'Kathbum' on Oxford stage

AWARD-WINNING comedienne Katherine Ryan will be returning to Oxford on Saturday, January 16 at the Oxford Playhouse.

The Canadian funny-woman returns to the Beaumont Street theatre as part of her national 'Kathbum' tour, which is on its second run of dates following last year's success.

And with the comic discussing celebrities like Peter Andre, Joan Rivers, Cheryl Fenandez-Versini and Taylor Swift, she insists that the jokes are not meant to be insulting in any shape or form.

"I'm a good person. I didn't want to hurt anyone. I never want to hurt anybody," the 32-year old said.

"If you're a fan of the kind of comedy that satirises, you can see what I'm poking fun at.

"However, there is no way that I'd be making cheap jokes about Filipino children, but they just hear the words and that can be really frustrating."

Whilst studying city planning at university in her native Canada, Katherine started to gain experience in the comedy world by attending a number of open mic nights whilst also working at the popular American-based bar Hooters.

After her then boyfriend decided to visit London for a one-month trip

By **James Richings**

in 2007, Katherine soon fell in love with the British ways and eventually moved to the country permanently a few months later to work as a waitress.

However, the exposure and popularity grew for the entertainer who continued to persue a career in comedy, and following a number of shows at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Katherine Ryan has become one of the most popular comics in the UK today.

• *Katherine Ryan (Photo by Idil Sukan)*

And with appearances on TV shows like '8 out of 10 Cats' and 'Episodes' whilst presenting the BBC Two reality show, 'Hair', Katherine insists she is in it for the long hall.

"My face is beginning to annoy people, so I'm happy to work from home for a while and do some writing," she said.

"I'd love to get a comedy series off the ground but I'd need to not be on tour to do that."

She also added: "This show is pretty honest but comedians do the opposite from politicians.

"Politicians will tell little truths that if you see them written down in a newspaper seem to be true, but the bigger picture is an entire lie.

"Comedians will tell tiny lies while the big picture is hopefully more truthful. I'll change bits of stories and names so that a story about my dad is actually about my uncle and a story about that boyfriend is actually about this boyfriend."

The show is suitable for over 14s and starts at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £20.50 or £18.50 concessions.

Bringing in the New Year

OTIS Mack & The Tubby Bluesters will be performing at the New Inn in Witney on New Year's Eve.

The musicians, from Cheltenham, will lay on a set of both original and cover songs in Corn Street.

They will cover Rock 'n' Roll, soul, and blues music during the free gig starting at 9pm.

'The Legend of King Arthur'

FAMILY fun show 'The Legend of King Arthur' will be at The Mill Arts Centre in Banbury on Tuesday, January 5.

It follows the story of a jousting knight who became the king of England.

It starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £14.55

The Wirebirds

OXFORDSHIRE covers band The Wirebirds is playing at The Red Lion in Witney on New Year's Eve.

The four-piece group, which specialises in blues and rock tunes, will perform the free gig from 9pm.

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Review: Aladdin the Pantomime

• *Paul Barnhill as Abanazer and Nigel Betts as Widow Twankey*

"YOU call that booing? I've heard more noise at a Swindon Town reserve match!"

That's how the evil Abanazer riled up the crowd, successfully, at Aladdin the Pantomime.

It's pantomime season and the sense of excitement from family members young and old rang around the Oxford Playhouse.

And like most pantos, villain Abanazer (Paul Barnhill), made his appearance early on.

The typical pantomime baddy with his evil laugh, deep voice and menacing ideas, Abanazer was a big hit in Beaumont Street.

In a voice similar to national treasure Brian Blessed, Abanazer clearly outlines his ambitions; he wants to find the missing lamp and take over the fictional city of Ox-a-For.

But his plan is foiled, and somehow Abanazer comes out looking like a good guy by the time the curtain falls.

Barnhill's performance as Abanazer the villain was up there among the highlights, thanks to his quick-witted throwbacks to land the punch lines in style.

And along with Barnhill's standout performance, my plaudits must also go to Nigel Betts - who played the amazing Dame Widow Twankey.

Betts' loud northern voice and over-protecting motherly attitude towards fellow performers captured the crowd.

When it comes to picking best scene, the flying carpet segment steals the show.

• *Nathan Bryon as Wishee Washee the dog and Nigel Betts as Dame Widow Twankey*

By **James Richings**

Adam Samuel-Bal as Aladdin and Sonia Sawar as Princess Perfect Rose sit on a rug serenading each other to Adele's most recent chart topper, 'Hello' (one of many mainstreams songs in the play).

As the chorus gets underway the rug levitates above the front six rows of the audience, to the amazement of everyone in the theatre.

Jaws dropped (mine included) as the crowd got to their feet for a standing ovation while both performers are left floating at least 15 feet in the air as the scene ends.

It is one for young and old, and the children did not seem to mind when numerous gags flew over their head.

References to Star Wars, The Simpsons, X Factor, Britain's Got Talent, Facebook and Wishee Washee the dog's selfie-stick really did make this a 2015 pantomime.

I'd resolve overall the show was a monumental success, of which writer and director Steve Marmion should be proud.

The show launched on December 14 and runs until Sunday, January 10.

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Coronet Bingo Club in Didcot has recently undergone a major refurbishment offering superb new modern facilities in keeping with the art deco feel of the original building. In 2014 the Government cut Bingo tax with a proviso that clubs would reinvest that money into their businesses. Coronet Bingo has done just that renovating the front of the building and upgrading the foyer, toilets, food kiosk and fruit machine zones. The centre piece is the new Lounge Bar that is segregated from the main hall creating a stylish and contemporary space to enjoy before, during and after Bingo. Manager Laurie Carpenter said "Earlier this year we offered a survey to our customers asking what they liked and what they didn't about our club. This revamp of the club and the new games that we offer is in response to those answers. The Coronet has been in my family for over 35 years and I would hope our customers can enjoy these new facilities for many years to come."

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What's on | NEWS

What to watch this Christmas

By **James Richings**

• Cars 2 is on BBC1 on Tuesday, December 29

ONE of the best things about the Christmas period is watching a great film with your loved ones.

And with such a vast selection of movies to pick from, here is a selection of this year's festive offerings:

Happy Feet (2006)
Christmas Day, ITV1, 11.30am

When Mumble, a young emperor penguin struggles to sing in order to attract a mate for life, he uses the magic in his feet and his tap-dancing talent to find his one true love.

Back to the Future III (1990)
Boxing Day, ITV1, 10.55am

In the third and final movie of the franchise, Marty McFly obtains a 70-year-old message from Doc Brown, but when Marty finds out that the Doc was murdered shortly after sending the letter, he travels back in time to rescue him and repair the DeLorean.

Mary Poppins (1964)
December 27, BBC1, 1.50pm

Considered a classic, the movie sees the Banks family try and find a new nanny and appoint Mary Poppins, who takes both of the Banks' children Jane and Michael on a number of fantastical adventures with her performer friend, Bert.

Deep Impact (1998)
December 27, BBC2, 6.10pm

Morgan Freeman, Robert Duvall, Elijah Wood and Vanessa Redgrave star in this sci-fi disaster film where a speeding comet is heading towards Earth and could end the human race.

Cool Runnings (1993)
December 28, BBC1, 2.20pm

Despite never having seen snow, four Jamaican bobsledders dream of competing in the Winter Olympics and set out to become worthy of selection.

The Holiday (2006)
December 28, ITV1, 10.15pm

Starring Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet, Jude Law and Jack Black, the romantic comedy sees two women swap homes at Christmas following two bad break-ups.

Shark Tale (2004)
December 29, BBC1, 9am

When Frankie the Great White Shark is accidently killed, Oscar the Bluestreak Cleaner Wrasse creates a story with Frankie's peace-loving brother Lenny that it was he who murdered the shark.

Cars 2 (2011)
December 29, BBC1, 10.20am

After Lighting McQueen wins The Piston Cup in the previous movie, the star car returns to take part in the first ever World Grand Prix.

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beech mushrooms, crackling, Bramley apple butter

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Rack of lamb
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Parmesan and crab fondue, asparagus soldiers

Pan fried gnocchi
Asparagus, beetroot, whipped goats cheese

Pan roasted chicken Chicken
lollipops, Butternut squash purée, glazed shallot, salad blue potatoes, jus

Desserts

Trio of chocolate (v)
Belgian chocolate brownie, chocolate pot with salted caramel hazelnut praline, chocolate ice cream rolled in honeycomb

Glazed lemon tart
Rhubarb ice cream

Selection of British cheese
Croxton Manor Brie, Colliers Welsh cheddar, Capricorn goat's cheese, Garstang blue, Bramley apple butter, biscuits, grapes

Red wine & vanilla poached pear
Meringue, clotted cream

If you are booking a party for New Year's Eve of 6 or more, we would welcome a pre-order on your drinks. Pre-order by 20th December and receive 10% off your pre-ordered drinks.

All our food is prepared in a kitchen where nuts, cereals containing gluten, and other allergens are present and our menu descriptions do not include all ingredients. Our fish may contain small bones. If you have a food allergy or intolerance, confirmation of allergen information will be available from early November to allow you to confirm your booking. The allergen information is, to the best of our knowledge correct, however is subject to change between the time of advance booking and time of dining. Please ask to see the allergen guide at the time of your visit to check if there have been any changes that may affect you. All prices include VAT at the current rate. An optional service charge will be added to parties of 6 or more, which goes directly to the team who serve you. (v) = vegetarian

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Or if you fancy something a little more adventurous, why not opt for our tasteful mulled wine pie with beef, apricots and cranberry.

And of course, no festive meal would be complete without a festive pudding.

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Thu, Dec 31, 10pm
O2 Academy, Oxford
SWITCH NYE 2015/16 FT. SHY FX
2015 has been another huge one for SWITCH, and they'll be rounding it off with an unmissable New Year's Eve party, featuring another of their most popular headline acts, the mighty Shy FX and many more.

Sat, Jan 9, 8pm
O2 Academy, Oxford
QUADROPHENIA NIGHT
A club night dedicated to the iconic movie, don't miss live bands, live music from The Atlantics plus Drew Stancall, ex Saxophonist from The Specials/Prince Buster spinning the best in ska, two-tone, 60s, soul and mod!

Mon, Jan 11, 7.30pm
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
SUNPOTS
Sunspots is a poetic, musical, and visual journey from the birth of the Sun, through its long and eventful life, towards its ultimate death.
Is the Sun a god, a man, a woman, or simply a giant ball of hydrogen? Why does it tell fibs about its favourite painters? Is the Sun afraid of dying? Does it get depressed? And what does it really think about us? Simon Barraclough (poet in residence, Mullard Space Science Laboratory) is your guide on a journey that mixes fact, fiction, horror, humour and joy into an exciting and moving experience getting to know our friendly neighbourhood star.

Tue, Jan 12 – Wed, Jan 13
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
ROVE
This new show from J. Fergus Evans (My Heart is Hitchhiking Down Peachtree Street) and Rhiannon Armstrong is for anyone who has ever tried to untangle a family anecdote, or wished they knew more about where they came from.

Tue, Jan 12 – Sat, Jan 16
New Theatre, Oxford
GANGSTA GRANNY
The world premiere of David Walliams' Gangsta Granny is coming to the stage in a national tour starting this winter and running throughout 2016. It is being staged by the Birmingham Stage Company, the acclaimed producers of Horrible Histories.it's Friday night and Ben knows that means only one thing - staying with Granny! There will be cabbage soup, cabbage pie and cabbage cake and Ben knows one thing for sure - it's going to be soooooooooo boring! But what Ben doesn't know is that Granny has a secret - and Friday nights are about to get more exciting than he could possibly imagine, as he embarks on the adventure of a lifetime with his very own Gangsta Granny!

Thu, Jan 14 – Fri Jan 15
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
LEARNING HOW TO DIE
Learning How To Die asks what scares us about dying, and how can we use that fear to drive our living actions. Can we find new ways to talk about death? It won't make it any less painful but it might make things easier.
This is a show about death. But don't let that put you off, it's not about being sad. Or about grief. Or pity. This is a show about how an acceptance of mortality can drive a passion for life.

Thu, Jan 14, 7.30pm
The Theatre, Chipping Norton
HOW TO CHANGE THE WORLD
In 1971, a group of friends sail into a nuclear test zone, and their protest captures the world's imagination. Using never before seen archive that brings their extraordinary world to life, How To Change The World is the story of the pioneers who founded Greenpeace and defined the modern green movement.

Fri, Jan 15, 8pm
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
STEWART LEE
Back by popular demand, Stewart Lee returns to Oxford following previous sell-out visits with fresh material in preparation for his next BBC2 series of Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle.
A BAFTA and Comedy Award-winning comedian and writer, in this hilarious show Stewart is on spectacularly funny form as he deftly tries out his brand new material. See it live now weeks ahead of transmission.

Fri, Jan 15 – Sat, Jan 16
Corn Exchange, Wallingford
RAPUNZEL
Come and let your hair down at Sinodun Players' traditional family panto which is filled to the brim with colourful characters. Audiences can boo, hiss, laugh, sing, clap, sneeze, quack and pat their heads whilst rubbing their tummies at the antics of good and bad witches, silly gnomes, courtiers and fairies. In the spotlight too will be the lovely Rapunzel and her dashing prince – plus Matilda, the theatre cleaner, who ends up in a starring role.

Fri, Jan 15, 8pm
The Mill Arts Centre, Banbury
ABBA REVIVAL
Abba Revival's renowned stage show proves a hit time and again, not just in the UK, but all over the world, wowing audiences across Europe and the Middle East.
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Sat, Jan 16, 7.30pm
The Mill Arts Centre, Banbury
THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY
A brand new adaptation of Oscar Wilde's only novel, The Picture of Dorian Gray, this superb production coincides with the 125th anniversary of its publication. Set in the decadent world of Victorian London, a handsome and narcissistic young man, Dorian Gray, becomes infatuated by the exquisite portrait that artist, Basil Hallward, has painted of him. He makes a Faustian pact that he will remain forever young while the picture grows old. Combining drawing-room comedy and gothic horror, this is a gripping and hugely entertaining theatrical event.

Sat, Jan 16, 8pm
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
OXJAMS
The Oxford Jazz Masters Series returns to the BT for an evening of exciting contemporary jazz sounds, featuring superb cellist Hannah Marshall.
A performer, composer, puppeteer and theatre-maker, Hannah regularly plays with The London Improvisers Orchestra, Luo Ex & Veryan Weston and the Trio of Uncertainty. A codirector of visual theatre specialists, The Dig Foundation, she has worked with a wide spectrum of artists of different kinds and is sure to impress audiences in dramatic style.
At the BT, Hannah will be performing both solo and with the resident OxJaMS trio of George Haslam (reeds), Richard Leigh Harris (keyboard) and Steve Kershaw (bass).

Fri, Jan 22, 7.45pm
The Theatre, Chipping Norton
BON GIOVI
Fronted by UK's leading Jon Bon Jovi impersonator Andrea Ojano, the band are a faithful tribute that have performed across the world for over a decade. The gig is a celebration of Bon Jovi's extensive musical career to date, featuring all the greatest hits such as 'Living On A Prayer', It's My Life, Wanted Dead or Alive, as well as many others from every album ever produced in one amazing stage show.

Fri, Jan 22, 8pm
Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot
SONGS OF SEPARATION
For one night only Cornerstone will be home to the following incredibly talented female artists: Eliza Carthy, Karine Polwart, the Lady Maisery trio, Hannah James, Hazel Askew, Rowan Rheingans, ground-breaking Scottish musicians Mary Macmaster and Kate Young, international fiddler Hannah Read and a monster backline, Jenn Butterworth and Jen Hill.
Songs of Separation will perform outstanding new music which spans the traditions of both England and Scotland, and explores a broad and compelling theme.

Sat, Jan 16, 6.30pm
O2 Academy, Oxford
DAUGHTER
Daughter celebrate their second album Not To Disappear (January 2016) and tour Europe to coincide with its release.
It's the follow-up to Daughter'extremely successful debut If You Leave, and was recorded over summer 2015 in New York with Nicolas Vernhes (Deerhunter, War On Drugs, Animal Collective) at his Rare Book Room studio in Greenpoint, Brooklyn.

Sat, Jan 16, 7.30pm
Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot
THE CHAIRMAN'S CHARITY CONCENT
Cornerstone is delighted to host, once again, the Chairman of the council's inaugural event of the year, in support of Dementia UK and The Rainbow Trust.
If big band swing is your thing you'll love 'Swingtime'. They play the music of Glenn Miller, Count Basie, Benny Goodman and many more. George Haslam will direct a sumptuous 18-piece orchestra with vocalists Tara Watts, Fiona Semple and special guests Steve Waterman on trumpet, Steve Kershaw on double bass and Robin Jones on drums. The concert is compered by Bill Rennells of BBC Radio Oxford.

Tue, Jan 19, 7.30pm
New Theatre, Oxford
THE JOHNNY CASH ROADSHOW
The UK's No1 Tribute, fronted by respected singer/songwriter Clive John, with The Spirit Band, re-create with astounding accuracy and truly capture the essence of what it was like to be at a real Cash show!
Featuring Jill Schoonjans as June Carter and two more talented ladies as the Carter Sisters, all aspects of Cash's life are covered with impeccable taste.

Tue, Jan 19, 2pm
The Mill Arts Centre, Banbury
MR HOLMES
Academy Award nominee Ian McKellen excels in the iconic role of Sherlock Holmes. It is 1947 and the world famous sleuth has retired to a remote Sussex farmhouse, living in relative anonymity with only his housekeeper Mrs Munro and her young son for company. Cantankerous, demanding and frustrated with the misrepresentation of him in Watson's best-selling novels, he diverts his attention to an unsolved case.
As the mystery deepens, Sherlock tries desperately to recall the events of 30 years ago which ultimately led to his retirement.

Wed, Jan 20, 7.30pm
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
CARMEN
Following their visit to the Oxford Playhouse with La Traviata, OperaUpClose return with their smash-hit English language production of Bizet's wildly popular Carmen.
This "gut wrenching spectacular" (City AM) went down a storm with audiences and critics in London last summer.
Carmen captivates and provokes, disturbing the composure of everyone she encounters. Sparks fly when she meets José, but as her passion cools, his turns to obsession. Unable to control his feelings or the woman who inspired them, he descends into violence. But Carmen will not give up her freedom for anyone.

Thu, Jan 21 – Fri, Jan 22
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford
JOSH WIDDICOMBE
Always a hugely popular performer at the Playhouse, Josh Widdicombe returns with his new stand-up show What Do I Do Now?
Described as "priceless" by the Times, Widdicombe's Channel 4 show The Last Leghas been nominated for numerous awards and won a Royal Television Society Award. Host of BBC Radio 5 Live's Saturday morning sport show Fighting Talk, as well as his own show on XFM, he also regularly appears on Mock the Week, QI, Live at the Apollo and Have I Got News for You. His brand new sitcom, Josh, starts on BBC3 in November 2015.

Fri, Jan 22, 7.30pm
New Theatre, Oxford
REBECCA FERGUSON
Following in the footsteps of Billie Holiday and Diana Ross, singing superstar Rebecca Ferguson is back, showcasing her smoky vocals on her third album Lady Sings the Blues and touring throughout the UK in January - February 2016.
This is a stunning reinterpretation including the best of Billie Holiday's classic songs, some of which featured on her iconic record of the same name. Recorded at the world famous Capitol Studios in Los Angeles, Rebecca wanted to work there as it was where the legendary blues singer herself recorded.

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Sat, Jan 23, 8pm
Cornerstone Arts Centre, Didcot

THE NOISE NEXT DOOR: NOISE IN THE HOOD

The unstoppable improv comedy juggernaut that is The Noise Next Door are turning up the volume for their third national tour! The undisputed masters of off-the-cuff comedy take audience suggestions and transform them into fantastically funny scenes and songs in the blink of an eye. A perfect blend of ludicrous characters, witty one-liners, epic stories, and explosive physicality.
After a huge year for the guys with their eighth consecutive sell-out run at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival and appearances on BBC One, ITV2, BBC Three and BBC Radio One this show is set to be their biggest and best yet.

Sat, Jan 23, 7.45pm
The Theatre, Chipping Norton

HAL CRUTTENDEN – STRAIGHT OUTTA CRUTTENDEN

Host of Live At The Apollo and star of Radio 4, the great Hal is back ranting about the real evils of the modern world - over sharing on social media and the 5:2 diet. The more he complains the funnier he gets.

Sat, Jan 23, 7.30pm
New Theatre, Oxford

THE ROY ORBISON STORY

2016 marks Roy Orbison's 80th Birthday, and to mark this special year we are proud to present our brand new production across the UK.
This celebration of The Big O's musical legacy is quite simply unmissable as Barry Steele takes you on this specially revamped musical journey in time from the early sun years right through to the late 80's and also includes a special tribute to the time Roy Spent with The Traveling Wilburys, & Bono.

Tue, Jan 26, - Sat, Jan 30
New Theatre, Oxford

LAST NIGHT A DJ SAVED MY LIFE

It's the story of two generations colliding, as a badly behaved parent tries to control a wild child teenager! This hilarious hit fest is also a touching father and daughter drama set against a background of sun, sea, sex, drugs and hits that take us back to the 80s and 90s when we wore denim overalls, girls had hair scrunchies and guys played Nintendo Game Boy.
Think 'Mamma Mia' on speed! 'Friends' meets 'Ibiza Uncovered', with the soundtrack of our lives.

Wed, Jan 27 – Sat, Jan 30
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford

RENT

Winning the Tony Award for Best Musical as well as the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, Jonathan Larson's groundbreaking rock musical resonates as powerfully as ever. Inspired by Puccini's opera La Bohème, this smash hit captures the heart and spirit of a generation with its stirring music and life-affirming story. Rent is performed by Oxford University students in its 20th anniversary year.

Sat, Jan 23, 9pm
The Falcon, Thame

DOGHOUSE

Oxfordshire based covers band DogHouse will be in Thame to warm up your Saturday night.

Thu, Jan 28, 7.30pm
The Mill Arts Centre, Banbury

VIVA NEIL DIAMOND

Bob Drury, (The Neil Diamond Story) presents a new one-man show capturing the authentic sound of each decade. Bursting with Neil Diamond's beloved classics including "Sweet Caroline", "Forever In Blue Jeans", "Love on the Rocks", "Song Sung Blue" and many more.

Thu, Jan 28, 7.45pm
The Theatre, Chipping Norton

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Fri, Jan 29, 7.45pm
The Theatre, Chipping Norton

RICHARD DIGANCE

Many people sing, play guitar and tell stories but not many have supported Steve Martin, Robin Williams or played a guitar duet with Brian May of Queen, Richard Digance has. He is not just a singer/guitarist, but one of the country's most celebrated comedy entertainers. This show brings more hysterically funny nostalgia and a wealth of new songs and anecdotes.

Sat, Jan 30, 7.30pm
The Mill Arts Centre, Banbury

ULTIMATE GENESIS

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Fri, Nov 27 – Sun, Jan 10
Oxford Playhouse, Oxford

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By **James Richings**

Both cars scored highly for adult protection with 89 per cent and 90 per cent respectively, and 86 per cent and 83 per cent for child passengers.

The Optima recorded good protection during a frontal offset test, where in the event of a side barrier collision passengers were protected.

The Sportage scored highly in the side pole test.

The car's new safety features include:

• Standard-fit vehicle stability management (VSM) and electronic stability control (ESC)

If the driver needs to brake while driving around a corner, both VSM and ESC are activated as the car's sensors detect a loss of traction, to try and keep the car in control.

• Autonomous Emergency Braking (AEB)

This long-range radar detection system detects a potential collision with another vehicle or pedestrian and helps bring the car to a halt.

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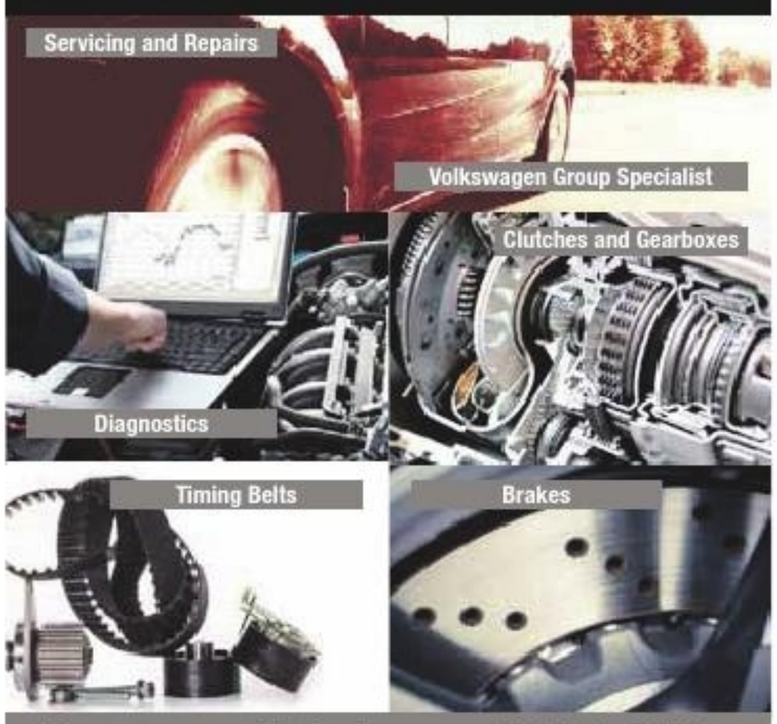

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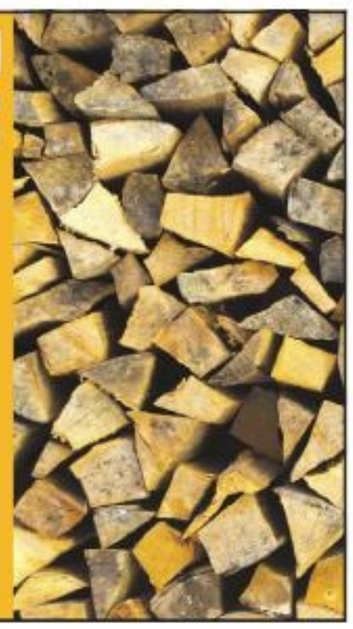

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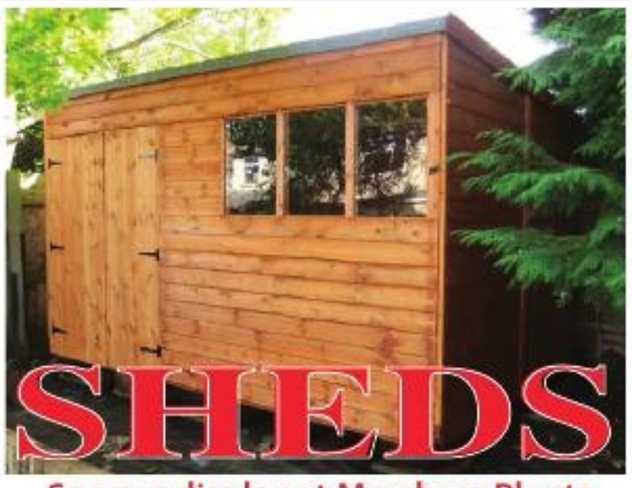

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Yellows get found out by fierce Wanderers

By **Loughlan Campbell**

OXFORD United's 11-game unbeaten run was ended by local rivals Wycombe Wanderers in a 2-1 defeat at Adams Park on Saturday.

A sold-out away end roared the Yellows on but, despite a 10th goal of the season for Liam Sercombe, the U's were sent packing by the Chairboys in an entertaining contest.

Danny Hylton returned up front for the U's with Kemar Roofe pushed out wide as United sought to combat a hardened Wycombe back four.

U's 'keeper Benji Buchel got down quick to block a fizzing header from Gary Thompson on eight minutes and George Baldock had to clear a dangerous ball from the line after Joe Jacobson sent in a dangerous inswinging corner on 27 minutes.

The U's got themselves to half-time, but just after the break a Jacobson cross from a free-kick was thumped into the net by Thompson to give Wanderers a deserved lead.

United responded well and Patrick Hoban came on for Danny Hylton after 54 minutes.

The Irishman worked well with Sercombe to set up the rampaging midfielder to slam the ball home to level the scores.

Oxford were suffering every time Wycombe had a free-kick, and on 76 minutes it led to their undoing.

Jacobson sent in another in-swinging free kick and Wanderers' Jason McCarthy rose highest to bury the ball home once again.

Straight afterwards, Thompson hit the post with a fine effort before the U's charged onwards with a Jordan Evans header knocked off the line by the Chairboys.

In five agonising minutes of added time United couldn't get the ball into the net despite attack after attack, and fell to their third defeat of the season.

The result means United are now in third, two points off Plymouth Argyle and Northampton Town who lead the chasing pack.

The U's will be hoping for some Christmas fortune against Exeter City at the Kassam Stadium on Boxing Day before a trip to Yeovil Town on Monday.

• *Oxford's Liam Sercombe (left) heads the ball towards goal (picture by Steve Daniels)*

Wycombe Wanderers	2
Oxford United	1

Five defeats in a row for flailing Freds

WANTAGE fell unerringly close to the relegation zone on Saturday in a 5-2 defeat to Shortwood United on Saturday.

The Freds travelled with a depleted team to Gloucestershire and had a woeful start after Nick Pearce headed the home team in front with just five minutes on the board.

Wantage's talisman Ben Whitehead managed to draw things level in the 35th minute with Jimmy Deabill flicking the ball on to the Fred's top goalscorer who rounded the ball home.

However, just a minute later Shortwood's Adam Price shot from a quickly taken free kick and Ed Cavanagh was well beaten at his near post.

The goal led to a nightmarish few minutes for Wantage as Will Morford and Nick Peare both found the net for United in the space of three minutes.

The second-half started just as badly as the first for the Freds with United sending a long ball up to Morford who tapped in to make it five.

Wantage managed to get themselves a second late on with Whitehead smashing home from close range.

Wantage lie in 20th in the table just one point above the relegation places.

Ashton departs as Eales takes over

OXFORD United's CEO Mark Ashton has departed the club with chairman Darryl Eales taking on the new role of executive chairman in a change of club management.

The club announced the news on Monday with Ashton ending his 18-month stay at Grenoble Road as Eales' new role will see him make Ashton's job surplus to requirements.

Ashton was previously the CEO of Watford Football Club for four years and the director of West Bromwich Albion before that for fourteen years.

In a statement to fans, he said: "I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Oxford, working with Darryl and our head coach, Michael Appleton.

"I wish them and all the staff here the best of luck for the rest of the season and beyond."

Eales, who is the club's majority shareholder, said: "I'm very grateful for everything Mark has done in helping to improve the fortunes of the club.

"He leaves us in a much better state, both on and off the field, and had played a significant part in this transformation.

"The reality is that, having relinquished a number of other business interests, I have both the time and desire to devote to running the club and Mark understands that, in the new structure, we would be duplicating roles."

• *Oxford United's executive chairman Darryl Eales*

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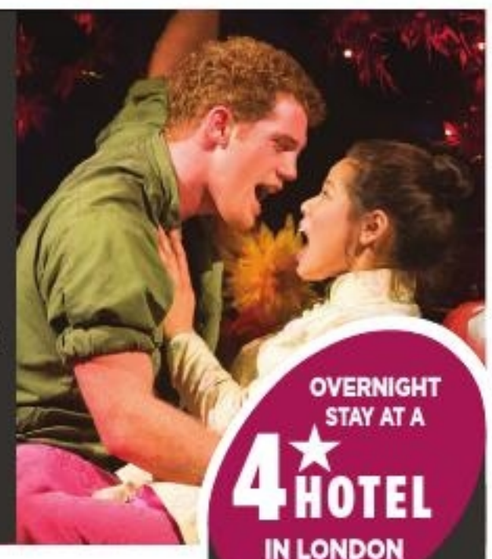

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Oxford's dodgy form continues

By **Loughlan Campbell**

OXFORD City fell to their fifth defeat of the season in a 2-0 defeat to Hemel Hempstead on Saturday at Marsh Lane.

The first half was tense and even as both sides kept the ball bogged down in midfield, though Oxford's Bradley Bubb spurned a great chance on 13 minutes firing over the bar from a quickly taken corner.

Just 10 minutes later, Bubb worked himself into a great area, but his shot just pierced wide off the post after Marlon Jackson put the forward through.

Hempstead were kept at bay for the most part of the first half but they then livened things up in the second, taking the lead with 52 minutes on the clock.

Their new signing Graeme Montgomery fired home a fierce shot on his debut that left Laurie Walker completely unable to stop.

Oxford's heads dipped and Alejandro-Adrian Santiago came the closest for the Blues with a header that went just too high after Luke Coulson whipped a vicious cross into the box.

City played the ball around nicely but there was no real cutting edge to the play and Hemel sat back and defended well before looking to finish off Oxford.

The win for the away side was confirmed with just 10 minutes remaining after Walker made an error when coming to collect the ball.

The 'keeper came out to collect an aerial pass, but he fumbled the ball in his hands and when Oliver Hawkins rushed on to the ball, Walker conceded a penalty in bringing the forward down.

Hawkins hammered home, handing Oxford their third home defeat of the season as the Blues continued their indifferent form as of late, though they have still managed to hold on to their third place position.

Oxford are now 10 points behind Ebbsfleet United and have only won once in their last five league games.

City will entertain Maidenhead United on Saturday before making the trip to Weston-Super-Mare on Monday as part of their festive fixtures.

Manager Justin Merritt will be hoping for six points to put pressure on Ebbsfleet.

• *Marlon Jackson (right) in action for Oxford City (picture by Michael Allen)*

Sport Bites

Non-league round up

FOOTBALL: Milton United were held to a 2-2 draw at the Racecourse Ground on Saturday by Ascot United.

However, it was good news for Ardley United who dispatched of Lydney Town in a 2-1 win at the Playing Fields.

Meanwhile, Oxford City Nomads were beaten by a solitary goal in a 1-0 defeat to high-flying Highmoor Ibis.

However Thame United and North Leigh United's game was called off for unclear reasons.

The festive fixtures in the Hellenic League will see Ardley United play Bracklet Town Saints and Thame United will make the trip to Flackwell Heath on Boxing Day.

There will then by an Oxfordshire derby next Monday with Milton United and Abingdon United facing off.

Teen wins big

DRESSAGE: A 16-year-old from Thame took home the supreme championship in the in-hand section of the Anthony Evans Senior Showing & Dressage Supreme Grand Final in the London International Horse Show.

Christina Brooks (pictured) secured the result with her black Fell pony stallion, Guards Jester, who had previously survived an operation for cancer.

It was also Brooks' first visit to Olympia in Kensington for the event.

Greens net seven in a cup beating

KIDLINGTON ran riot over Mansfield Road in a thumping 7-0 win in the third round of the Oxfordshire Senior Cup on Saturday.

The Greens progressed to the quarter finals in a flourishing victory which was Kidlington's fourth consecutive win.

In the first ever meeting between the two sides, the Greens took the lead early on with Ryan Brooks hammering home after a header was deflected away on ten minutes.

Eight minutes later Anaclet Odhiambo got himself on the scoresheet with his brother Eric providing the assist.

A third was soon added shortly afterwards by Jack Quainton who smashed home an effort after good work from Kieron Sanders.

Eric Odhiambo then added a fourth with a stunning volley from just outside the penalty area before it was five on the half-time whistle with Brooks turning his marker and slotting home.

Youngster Jack Gaul came on for his debut for the Greens in the second half and Brooks then completed his hat-trick, firing into the net after breaking into the area for a 6-0 scoreline.

The Greens' final goal was an own goal after Mansfield's Dan O'Connor headed the ball into his own net, however he soon made up for this by heading in at the other end to deprive Kidlington of a clean sheet.

Kidlington have now won 10 out of their last 11 games, scoring a total of 44 goals and have every chance of securing promotion to the Southern League Division One South and West by the end of the season as long as they keep up their current rate of momentum.

• *Connor Ingram (in yellow) is surrounded by Bracknell Town players (picture by Chris Janes)*

Seven losses in a row for Abingdon

ABINGDON United's consecutive losing run extended to seven games after they lost their must-win game 3-1 at Bracknell Town on Saturday.

The result see's United drop into the relegation zone for the first time in months with the home side moving above them with Abingdon having played seven more games than them.

It didn't start well for United with Bracknell's Adam Cornell allowed to juggled the ball in the six yard box before firing into the corner to give them the lead.

With 20 minutes played, Bracknell then went close through Seb Bowerman before Abingdon's Ryan Jackson-Wild forced the keeper into clawing away a fizzed shot.

United then conceded their second of the day with 'keeper Jack Griffiths fumbling a cross and Daniel Money headed it into the net to give Bracknell some distance.

Right on the stroke of half-time things got worse for United after a Bracknell player went down in the area and Daniel Wing thumped home the spot kick for a 3-0 score at half time.

Bowerman and Garry Aulsbury should have inflicted further misery on Abingdon when they were clean through but Griffiths managed to keep them out.

Jackson-Wild managed to snatch a consolation late on after Bracknell couldn't clear the ball but it was too late for United who have been in exceedingly poor form in recent weeks and are in dire need of a festive win.

Comeback win for the battling Blues

WITNEY RFC fought well to secure a third consecutive win over table toppers Salisbury in a 28-22 victory on Saturday at Hailey Road.

The away side grabbed the afternoon's first few points with winger Thomas Pottage converting a penalty.

Just two minutes later it was 8-0 to Salisbury as Oliver Bowden sped over the line with the Witney defence left gapingly open.

The Blues then secured their first try of the afternoon with the players securing a lineout on Salisbury's 22 and Carl Campbell shot through the space to touch down.

Witney then took the lead as Rhys Morgan accelerated down the wing for 40 metres in order to cross the line.

The away side then hit back through James King cross and Pottage converted to make it 15-10 on the scoreboard.

It then looked ominous for the Blues after Thomas Ranoboro got himself over the line and Pottage converted as they headed into half time.

Witney kicked a penalty after the restart before Salisbury crossed and kicked the conversion true for 22-13.

Witney then sparked to life with George Lewis breaking forward after a scrum and the fly-half crossed before converting his effort to make it 22-20.

The Blues retook the lead on 68 minutes with Morgan going over and the scoring was then rounded out with Lewis converting a penalty on 72 minutes to seal the win.

Renault confirm Lotus F1 purchase

LOTUS F1 have confirmed they have been taken over by Renault for the 2016 season after the purchase was finalised last Friday.

The French car manufacturer had been in negotiations with the Enstone-based team for months and they confirmed the purchase had been concluded in a statement.

The statement read: "Groupe Renault formally and successfully completed the acquisition of a controlling shareholding of Lotus F1 Team Limited."

A new board of directors has been appointed to lead the team with Jérome Stoll as chairman and Cyril Abiteboul as managing director.

The acquisition follows a turbulent year for Lotus who have had suffered financial struggles.

The route to a takeover surfaced in September when Renault signed a letter of intent to purchase the team it previously owned 2002 and 2009.

The team's name in addition to it's partners and the full management structure will be announced in an event to be held in Paris in February.

Renault's car for the new season is set to be ready for testing in Barcelona by the end of February and the team say it's making 'good progress'.

The 2016 Formula One World Championship gets underway next March in Melbourne for the Australian Grand Prix.

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Millers beaten in crazy fashion

By **Loughlan Campbell**

NORTH LEIGH fell prey to a bizarre goal from Taunton Town's goalkeeper as they were defeated 2-1 at The Viridor Stadium in Somerset on Saturday.

The Millers were unlucky in the loss, which saw them slip to fourth.

They went ahead early on through Stuart Hole before Taunton, who also fell to 10 men, rallied back to grab the points.

After three minutes, Hole struck a powered free-kick which the Taunton 'keeper managed to block away, but five minutes later the midfielder was given another chance to open the scoring.

Morgan Williams was hacked down outside the box and Hole curled in the ball in to the inside of the near post and the Millers were in front.

However, Leigh then lost defender Michael Hopkins through injury on 26 minutes with Williams moved back into defence.

A penalty was then awarded to Taunton on 35 minutes following some pushing and shoving between Hole and Town's Lewis Powell and the home side had a chance to get back into the game out of nothing.

Jordan Rogers made no mistake from the spot and the scores were level at half time.

Taunton had a free kick saved just after the restart by James Foster before combined work between Steve Davies and Callum McNish nearly had the ball in the net for Leigh, though it was scrapped off the line.

The unthinkable happened with a free kick awarded to Town 15 yards inside their own half with 57 minutes on the clock.

Taunton's 'keeper Lloyd Irish powered the ball into the Leigh area where Foster was expected to easily take hold of the ball, but it bounced over his head and flailing arms into the net.

The home side where then reduced to 10 men on 70 minutes with Rogers receiving a second yellow card, and Leigh pushed forward on the attack.

McNish fired wide on 77 minutes and in injury time a header was just inches wide of the post with Taunton managing to hold on for the win.

A Boxing Day Oxfordshire derby is up next for the Millers on Saturday who are home to Didcot Town.

• *Morgan Williams in action for North Leigh earlier this season (picture by Andy Fitzpatrick)*

Taunton Town 2
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